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"Johnson Drive" Dedicated



THE AGAWAM MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMISSION thanked former Mayor Christopher C. Johnson for his tireless efforts over the years in making the town's golf course such a success by dedicating "Christopher C. Johnson Drive" leading up to the course. Attending the ceremony were, from left - Bob and Marilyn Johnson (Chris' parents), Chris & Anna Johnson and baby Emily Rose, and Rose & Vincent Piliero (Anna's parents). See story and photos in Sports Section. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Grady Remembered On Father's Day



FORMER AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF KENNETH GRADY was remembered on Father's Day with a fundraising breakfast from which all proceeds will be put into a scholarship fund dedicated in Chief Grady's memory. A group of town residents has banded together to this end led by those pictured above (back row, from left): Matt Blackak, Ben McCullough, Town Councilor Bob Rossi (treasurer), and former town treasurer Rudy Altobelli (chairman). Seated: Anita Hastings (secretary) and Adelle Gallano. (More photos in "Families.") Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Mayor & School Comm. Members At Odds Over Attorney Contract

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Behind-the-scenes discussions erupted into a public spat at last week's School Committee meeting before the summer hiatus. After a series of heated exchanges between School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Richard A. Cohen and School Committee member Linda Galarneau, Cohen turned off Mrs. Galarneau's microphone, a move unprecedented in recent memory.

At issue: how the committee of seven will go about engaging legal services for contract negotiations, Special Education issues, and general legal matters. Mrs. Galarneau and School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni say Cohen overstepped the authority of his position by ignoring the wishes of the Committee to appoint a sub-committee to study and make recommendations on the issue of legal representation for the School Department by offering a three-year contract to a local attorney and, in fact, violated the state Open Meeting Law by polling committee members in order to reach a consensus before the public meeting.

"You can't get your numbers, your votes, behind you before a meeting," Mrs. Galarneau said.

Cohen admitted speaking to Attorney John J. Teahan to determine if he would be willing to accept a three-year contract, but denied making an actual contract offer. "I asked Teahan if he would be willing to accept a contract if the School Committee was willing to offer one," Cohen said. "That's not a negotiation." Teahan has been representing the School Department since the late 1960's without a contract with the exception of a three-year period during the early 1990's, Mrs. Pettazzoni said.

Cohen said he believes it is "imperative" to have the School Department's counsel under contract, just as other town employees are working under multi-year contracts. Also, a formal relationship with an attorney of record gives school administrators a better understanding of where to go for advice on specific issues and an attorney of record is required by the state for Special Education issues, Cohen said.

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But, the two School Committee women insist there is no urgent reason to enter into a contract with any attorney until a sub-committee has been formed to study the issue as was decided by a consensus at their June 13th meeting. Also citing the minutes of that meeting, Cohen said he believes there was a consensus of the Committee indicating a desire to continue having Attorney Teahan as their legal counsel and that is why he contacted Committee members to discuss the matter rather than appoint a sub-committee. "Where's the fire in getting a contract?" Mrs. Pettazzoni asked. "We need to draw up an RFP (request for proposals) that allows us to choose what services we want and from whom."

Mrs. Pettazzoni said the Committee members must walk a fine line in being sure that their discussions outside a public meeting do not include polling other members for their votes or soliciting support for a particular position. According to Mrs. Pettazzoni and Mrs. Galarneau, the Mayor's actions tainted the process by attempting to circumvent the state's Open Meeting Law.

"The Mayor is one person. He cannot change the process at will or ignore the will and wishes of the School Committee," Mrs. Galarneau said. "He has to work within the parameters of his office. We are a Committee of seven. Even being chairman doesn't mean he can act on his own."

Mrs. Pettazzoni concurred, noting, "We are not department heads; we are elected officials and the Mayor seems to have forgotten that."

Cohen flatly rejected the suggestion that his actions violated the law. Cohen said he talked to every School Committee member in advance of the latest meeting in order to discuss the issue of legal repre-

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sentation, but denied taking a poll to reach a consensus. "I wasn't using my authority to go behind anyone's back," Cohen said. "They all knew what I was discussing."

Cohen said he is not unhappy with the outcome of last week's School Committee meeting, which ended after new member Susan Dawson withdrew her motion to offer Teahan a three-year contract. The Committee then unanimously voted to form an ad hoc committee charged with studying the issue and making a recommendation on legal representation to the full Committee by September 30th.

School Committee member Teresa Kozloski said she had no problem with the idea of the School Committee offering the attorney a contract, but she could not support a motion on the issue without a formally written resolution, including the amount of the attorney's fee and the terms of the contract. After speaking with the Mayor in the interim between the June 13th and June 27th meetings, Mrs. Kozloski said she had been under the impression that a formal resolution would be forthcoming.

Cohen said he believes it is healthy for the Committee to debate controversial issues and that he looks forward to working with all of the Committee members. "Why do people look at things as negative?" Cohen asked. "It was a healthy discussion and something positive came out of it. Let's dwell on the positive aspect of what we're doing and where we're going."

Cohen appointed members Mrs. Galarneau, Roberta Doering and Mrs. Dawson to the sub-committee, but declined to appoint a chairman, noting, "They're all going to work together and bring back their recommendations."

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LEGAL NOTICE**NOTIFICATION OF AQUATIC TREATMENT
SILVER LAKE, AGAWAM**

Silver Lake in Agawam will be chemically treated with USEPA/MA DEP registered chemicals for control of nuisance aquatic vegetation and algae Friday, July 7, 2000. The lake will be closed for swimming, fishing and boating on July 7th only. Lake water should also not be used for irrigation for a period of 5 days or until July 13th. These and other applicable water use restrictions will be posted with signs on the day of the treatment. The work is being performed for the Silver Lake Association, under contract to Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. of Sutton and pursuant to a license/permit from MA DEP and the Agawam Conservation Commission.

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, July 13, 2000 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hill, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Connor for property at Lot 3 Warren Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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Letters To The Editor

Jubilee Yearbook Funds To Be Used For Delegation

To The Editor:

To The People Of Agawam:

In October, a delegation of dignitaries from Reggio, Calabria will arrive from Italy to participate in the celebration of our sister-city relationship.

For the past several weeks, Agawam Sister-City Commissioners have been soliciting ads and contributions from the community at large in their quest to raise the necessary funds to host our guests from Italy.

The Agawam Sister-City Commission is an appointed commission of 30 members who donate their time and efforts without compensation. The commission is totally unfunded by the City of Agawam. Yet in our effort to generate the necessary funds, several commissioners have had negative comments made to them about spending the monies collected for travel and personal use by the commissioners.

I find this opinion to be inaccurate and without foundation. I declare to all the people of Agawam that all funds raised through our campaign to develop the "Jubilee 2000 Yearbook" are to be used exclusively to host the Italian delegation from our sister-city - Reggio, Calabria. Any personal expenses attached to this project now or in the future will be at the expense of each commissioner personally.

For the six days in October that the Italian delegation is in Agawam, each commissioner will be expected to pay his or her own way to the several functions that are scheduled. An inventory of these events is as follows: four (4) formal breakfasts, three (3) luncheons, four (4) dinners, one (1) tour of Rockwell Museum, one (1) tour of Sturbridge Village, and any other miscellaneous expenses that might occur during the visit. The estimated cumulative amount of this itinerary should a commissioner choose to participate in all events, would approximate \$160 in out-of-pocket expenses.

The Commission maintains its own checking account and encourages those people who have any reservations about our fundraising activities or the appropriation of funds to please contact the Commission. Our books are available to public scrutiny at all times.

I encourage you to follow the progress of this project and embrace it. Our schedule of events in October is designed to include all who want to be a part of this very special celebration.

Respectfully,

F. William Euliano, Jr.
Chairman, Sister-City Commission

Agawam Little League Enjoys Banner Season

To The Editor:

The season has recently ended and the champions of each division have been crowned. Now I would like to take the time to thank all of you for the opportunity to work with your children and to learn from them.

Each time I get involved with a volunteer situation, the opposite from what I think will be the outcome usually happens. Going into this season, I figured I

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would have, through my involvement, a big impact on helping the kids of Agawam. The opposite is what happened; the kids had a big impact on me. You see, I was like others that bought into the idea that our kids were heading down the wrong path and needed considerable help. What I found was that the kids are all right and that their futures are bright.

Each game that I watched or coached was a hotly contested contest with all involved giving their best to win. The kids were smart enough to leave the contest on the field. At the conclusion of each game, the kids thought for a brief moment of what could have gone better, then remembered there was a soda at the concession stand and took off running to get it. They usually drank their sodas with opposing players and planned their next activity with them.

In a day and age when every time you pick up a newspaper you read of bad things that kids are doing, I found it refreshing to go to the fields and see firsthand the good things being done. This didn't happen by accident.

I would like to thank the board of directors who worked very hard since October to make these things happen for your children. The board members were Rob Danie, Brian Greaney, Jeff Carmody, Pete Donah, Dean Hoppe, Dave Costa, Carlos Santos, Stuart Randall, Ralph Myers, and especially Lynn Bussiere, the concession lady. These folks, along with the upbringing these kids received from you, the parents, made this a very enjoyable season and an experience I will not soon forget. Although the winners of each division were crowned champions, the real champs are all the kids who did their best, and the real winners are the citizens of Agawam.

Thank you,
Bill Leydon
President, Agawam Little League

Video Available Of Past Agawam High Musicals

To The Editor:

Some years ago, we selected a group of slides from the Agawam High School musicals that were produced when the new High School was built (including those from 1956-1976). The idea was to have them available to show school or community groups, and in the process we've worked on selecting some musical excerpts that might be used as a background to these presentations.

We do not have many pictures from the earlier shows, and have had a hard time getting music bits from the later shows for which records were not made. The original audiotapes on which we recorded the performances are on stereo, reel-to-reel tapes. Although the school does own a machine in the music department upon which we could make cassette tapes, it has been difficult to find enough time to go to the school and do this. So, for a number of years we did not have audio bits from "My Fair Lady," "Camelot," "Dates and Mates," and "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

In recent years, we have been able to get the tapes from all of the shows (except "Yankee Doodle Dandy") processed, but we have not found time to get

the bits matched up for "Dates and Mates." What's more, we have also experimented with putting the slides on a video, along with the background of some appropriate sound bits from the actual student productions.

The result has been a "fairly crude" attempt with many problems in picture quality, sound quality, and (in some cases) not being able to find just the right background music or dialogue. But, a videotape has been put together with the hope of future revisions to improve some of the original problems.

At this point, we would like to make a copy of this video available to any former students, staff members, or interested parties. We hope to make improvements on this project in the future and make more complete versions of many of the other shows available. However, not knowing when this will be able to be completed, we've decided to get out this first "rough" draft version for those who would like to have a bit of memory from some of the "goings-on" at Agawam High during the years of these musicals.

Sincerely,
Darcy Davis, Agawam
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Doane Avenue Neighbors Deserve Thanks & Praise

To The Editor:

This is a special thank-you to my neighbors and friends of Doane Avenue. To Scott Consolini, who ran into my home with flames and smoke to coax my elderly mother out of harm's way. To Roger Paquette's family, who also were there with garden hoses and support before the Fire Department could arrive.

To the Fire Department and Police Department of Agawam, thanks for the help on Saturday, July 1st. It is a great feeling to know that in times of trouble, people are just a shout away. In this time of such uncaring and not wanting to get involved, I am thankful that I still have friends and neighbors that care more for others than their own safety.

Once again, thank you to all and to the "guardian angel" that was with my family that Saturday in July.

Ruth Cosimini
Agawam

Jr. Women's Club Says Thanks For The Support

To The Editor:

The Agawam Junior Women's Club wants to extend a special thanks to Joann McGeoghan for loaning us the town flag for our International Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs held in Boston the week of June 16th, and the Agawam Congregational Church for the use of a flagpole.

Participating in the Parade of Flags would not have been possible without your assistance.

Cindy Sanford-Taylor
Past-President, Agawam Junior Women's Club



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On Local Politics...

by Richard Sardella
Editor/Publisher

Councilors Want Answers On Tuckahoe Turf Farm Case

At Wednesday night's Town Council meeting, several councilors, led by Anthony C. Bonavita, again asked questions about what's going on with Tuckahoe Turf Farm in Feeding Hills.

When the town acquired the 290 pristine acres in June 1993 by the eminent domain process for \$1.1 million, the long and complicated court case between the town and Tuckahoe Development Corporation began. The court entanglements were, in large part, responsible for Bonavita's rather strong query, as well as inquiries from three other councilors.

Tuckahoe Development Corporation, of course, is headed by long-time town resident Ralph DePalma, a prominent developer and real estate figure in this region who needs no introduction in this space.

DePalma's group had signed a purchase and sale agreement to buy the turf farm from Tuckahoe Turf Farms, Inc., and Lakeland Land Investment Company on February 5th, 1993, and was scheduled to close on the property in August of that year.

When this was made public, a storm of protest erupted from neighbors abutting the property who demanded the town step in to thwart what was predicted to be a sprawling development with a golf

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course. This, in turn, would be a loss forever of a truly beautiful piece of open space. Arguments were also made that a huge sub-division of this sort would put great stress on municipal services in a town already being overtaxed with wide-spread growth.

The town stepped in and used eminent domain to acquire the land. The town paid \$1.1 million. DePalma received nothing and immediately instructed his lawyers to bring the town into court.

I am not a lawyer and never will pretend to be. Nor will I question the wisdom of the town grabbing Tuckahoe Turf Farm. That place is like "On Golden Pond." I have walked the property several times, and its natural beauty and possibilities for the community are many.

But the town may be in a corner at this time because of events in the courts that occurred last year. The \$1.1 million price for Tuckahoe Turf Farm back in 1993 pales in comparison to what the court now deems the total package for Tuckahoe to be.

DePalma scored a major victory six years later when a jury in 1999 said the sale price of the land was vastly undervalued and was actually worth \$2.5 million. The former owners of the property had received their \$1.1 million. Who was to receive the remaining \$1.4 million? That's right. Ralph DePalma.

Actually, with the interest, the total price tag in 1999 was estimated at \$3.4 million, and that interest, to this day, continues to ring like a cash register. The town appealed the jury verdict and firmly maintained at the time it would win in the appeals process. I am not a lawyer and will not dispute the wisdom of this. However, the interest on the court verdict continues each and every day.

And this worries some of these councilors. Of the four councilors who spoke up Wednesday evening, two of them are lawyers - Bonavita and Gina-Marie

Letallier. Councilor Robert Rossi, a newcomer to the council, worried about the Tuckahoe Turf Farms case during the election. The fourth councilor was President Robert Magovern.

Bonavita asked for definitive answers about the money and is looking for where the town stands on Tuckahoe. He's actually seeking a game plan and is seeking an executive session with the town administration in August (this would be the second executive session; the first was held with the council earlier this year).

Most of the worry out there about Tuckahoe Turf Farm is about the \$1.4 million awarded by the court to DePalma, the accrued interest, and the daily interest on the amount. For example, according to some figures I received, since January 1st, 2000, or 187 days through July 5th, the interest for this period alone is \$77,418, or \$414 each day. Over 365 days, this figure balloons to \$151,110.

I can say with confidence the town will say it's moving as quickly as it can in a legal process that everyone knows moves at a turtle's speed. It will also be said the town's position is a strong one and this will be proven when the appeal is heard.

From the tone of the other evening, some town councilors have many more questions than answers and may not share this enthusiasm. They also want everyone from the town's side to be on the same page or, at the very least, to have a grasp of where things sit. This is not unreasonable.

Utilizing Tuckahoe Turf Farm for soccer and baseball fields, for other municipal purposes, and/or a beautiful public park are only dreams on July 7, 2000.

If the town's position is truly a strong one, then the \$1.1 million spent was a big-time bargain. If not, the cash register is ringing at this every moment, and it's apparent this ringing is making more and more people in the town a bit nervous.

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Skateboard Park Plans Rolling Along

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Plans for building a skateboard park here got a running start in May thanks to the grand opening of the Six Flags New England amusement park. Think of it as one thrill park giving a leg up to another magnet for adventure seeking kids of all ages.

With the proceeds from a Six Flags-sponsored fundraiser, Mayor Richard A. Cohen is a little over a quarter of the way along in rolling toward the fulfillment of a promise made during his campaign last fall. By selling complimentary tickets donated to the town by Six Flags to their Friday, May 5th grand opening, the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department took in \$25,000 to jumpstart the skateboard park fund. The tickets were sold through the Rec Office and the Mayor's Office for \$10 apiece, attracting patrons from far and near. Reportedly, some of the tickets appeared on an Internet auction site, where they were selling for \$100, a price amusement park aficionados apparently were willing to pay for the distinction of being among the first through the gates at the newest Six Flags park.

Originally slated for siting at Phelps School, the location for the park has been changed to Shea Field, after some neighboring residents raised some legitimate concerns about traffic and safety issues with the Skateboard Committee chaired by Town Councilor Jill Simpson and Recreation Director Chris Sparks, Cohen said. "At first, I thought it was just a NIMBY (not in my back yard) thing," Cohen said. "But, I had to agree with them; they were right."

After meeting with Police Chief Robert Campbell, AHS Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney, and Building Maintenance Director Tony Albro, the decision was made to move the location to Shea Field, an

area where traffic and safety issues can be better handled. Cohen said the police will step up patrols in the area once the park is completed, hopefully next summer.

The idea for a skateboard park first surfaced during his campaign for mayor in response to numerous requests from kids, parents, and young adults for a place where kids of all ages can ride their skateboards in a safe and protected environment rather than out on the streets, sidewalks, and parking lots.

"I hate to see our kids leaving town to go to skateboard parks in surrounding communities when we should be taking care of our own," Cohen said. "Every community that is doing this is doing it for the safety. I want the park to be something the town is proud of and something the kids will use. But, we want to keep it safe."

Cohen said he is hoping to raise the estimated \$80,000 the project will cost through donations from local businesses, civic groups, and fundraisers involving the town's young people and the schools.

Already, the fund has received a donation from the Junior High School PTO and a joint fundraiser, a Monster Jam Battle of the Bands, is being planned for Saturday, July 29th, at Agawam High School's Harmon Smith Field to benefit the skateboard park fund and the treasuries of the four classes at the High School.

"The High School class officers will run the concession stands to benefit their classes, and the entry fee for the bands will go to the skateboard park," Cohen said, expressing his satisfaction that another campaign promise - getting a cross-section of the commu-

nity working together - is being realized.

A maximum of 10 high school rock-and-roll bands will be chosen to perform at the six-hour concert and to compete for cash prizes and gift certificates to LaSalle Music. In addition to cash and a gift certificate, the top band will receive a three-hour recording session at The Warehouse. For information on the entry requirements and contest rules, contact Chris Sparks, Recreation Director, at 821-0514. Entry forms are available at the Recreation Office, 760 Cooper Street, or at LaSalle Music, 326 Walnut Street.

The Skateboard Committee has spoken to area architects about the design for the park, but no one has been hired to date, Cohen said. While safety will remain the predominant concern during the design process, the architect will take into consideration the ideas submitted by the winners of a design contest sponsored by Theory Skate Shop, Main Street, West Springfield, and Six Flags for Agawam students last spring. The first-place winners in the elementary school, Middle School, Junior High, and High School levels received a pair of skates and a season pass to the amusement park. "Theory Skate Shop has been instrumental in helping us with this project," Cohen said.

In addition to making site visits to local skateboard parks, members of the committee have gone as far afield as New Hampshire and New Britain to bring back ideas for the Agawam project, Cohen said. "Town Engineers Mike Chase and Van Kacoyannakis have spent a considerable amount of volunteer time on the project," Cohen said. "This just shows our city working together."

Information Sought On Medal Of Honor Recipient

During a recent trip to the Freedom Foundation, a visit was made to the Medal of Honor Library by members of Wilson Thompson Auxiliary Unit 185. Members found that there had been one recipient from Agawam.

"Edwin Leonard, Rank and Organization: Sergeant Company 1, 37th Massachusetts Infantry. Place and Date: Near Petersburg, VA. June 18, 1864. Entered Services at Agawam, MA. Date of Issue of Medal of Honor: August 16, 1894. Citation: Voluntarily exposed

himself to the fire of a Union Brigade to stop their firing on the Union skirmish line."

Anyone having more information regarding Edwin Leonard, please contact Auxiliary President Mary Ellen Morissette at 789-7278.

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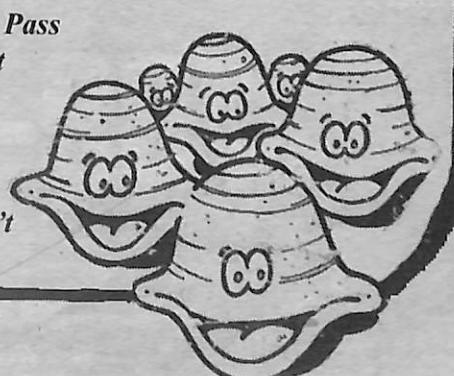
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Assessment Info On Web-Site

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If you've joined the millions who have come to view the Internet as the easiest and most convenient way to keep in touch with friends, do their Christmas shopping, make banking and stock transactions, access information on every imaginable subject, plan their vacations, and fulfill just about any need from groceries to video rentals, you may be interested in the latest update to the town's web-site.

Town Assessor Chester Nicora has taken his office on-line to offer Internet users the assessment information accessible through computer terminals at Town Hall as public information on the office field cards. Without the inconvenience of trying to make it to Town Hall during business hours, property owners, real estate agents, and other business people can obtain general property data, current assessment information, building descriptions, sketches, and photos with just a few mouse clicks. There's even a link to "Yahoo Map" for a printable location of the property.

"The main thing we want people to know is we're only putting out public information," Nicora said. "This is just another service we can provide to the community to provide better service to the public who need access to assessment information."

Nicora said his philosophy is that the assessor has nothing to hide and he encourages as many people as possible to review their field cards to ensure the information is accurate and up-to-date.

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Fighting To Keep Two Health Systems In Western Mass.

by Linda J. Melconian
Majority Leader

Over the last several months I have been inundated with letters and phone calls both in support and opposition to the Western Massachusetts legislative delegation's efforts to assure the survival of the Sisters of Providence health care system. As the legislative session enters its final month, I feel it is vital that we address these concerns and work to pass legislation that protects patients in Western Massachusetts.

The health care system in Springfield is in peril. The loss of Mercy Hospital would create a severe shortage of hospital beds and acute care services for the entire region. Last winter's flu epidemic highlighted the fine line we are walking in providing hospital services and demonstrated that our current emergency capacity is barely adequate to meet the needs of the city. There is no question in my mind that the closing of another hospital in Springfield would have disastrous and deadly consequences for our area.

My support for the Sisters is not an attack on Baystate Health Systems. Baystate is a splendid hospital providing the most comprehensive range of medical services and expertise available in Western Massachusetts. It has made many outstanding contributions to the Springfield community, including millions of dollars in free care and community benefits. But if Baystate becomes the sole hospital in Springfield it will be impossible for it to meet the full needs of the greater Springfield communities.

Access to health care is vital for all Massachusetts

citizens. Patients must have a choice in their hospital service. Consumer choice creates competition. That competition keeps prices down and promotes high quality care and a broader range of services. No one wants a monopoly in the health care market in the Springfield area.

Mercy Hospital is more than simply a competitor in the health care market. It has been an integral part of the fabric of the Springfield community for more than 125 years. In addition to the more than 3,700 people it employs and the more than \$121 million in salary and benefits it pays, Mercy also provides more than \$12 million in free care with programs like the Health Care for the Homeless Program, where registered nurses go into the community - often walking the banks of the Connecticut River - to bring health services to homeless individuals.

I believe that it is critical to the greater Springfield community that the Sisters of Providence Health System survive. The Western Massachusetts legislative delegation is pursuing a number of avenues toward that goal, including increases to the Sister's Medicaid rate for some of its special services and mandating that Baystate require its HMO, Health New England, to provide the Sisters with a full service contract. We will continue to fight to assure that Western Massachusetts has two health care systems so businesses pay the lowest possible rate for their employees' health insurance and patients continue to have access and a choice in their health care.

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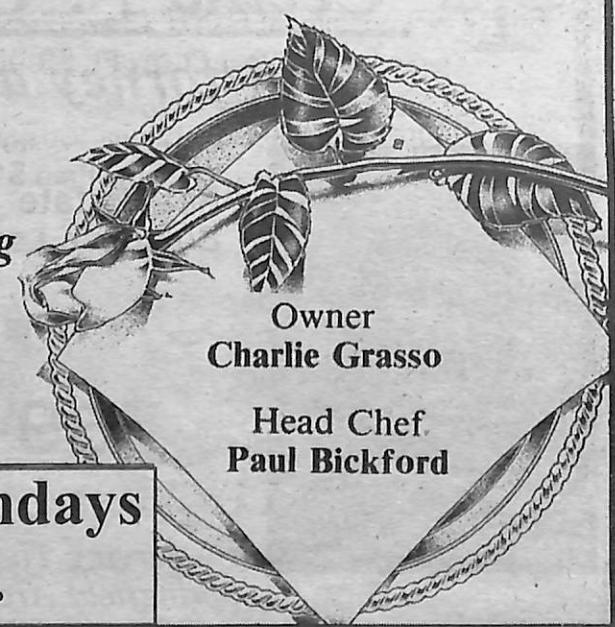
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- Agawam Obituaries -

RONNIE R. BERGER

Ronnie R. Berger, 50, of 119 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, died recently at home.

He owned and operated Berger Pest Control Co. since 1975.

Born in Springfield, he lived in North Stonington, Rhode Island, and in Agawam for most of his life.

He was a member of the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Lodge, the Springfield Turnverein, and the West Springfield Knights of Columbus Council.

He leaves two brothers, Wayne of Agawam and Dennis of Aspen, Colorado; and four sisters, Cindy Berger of West Springfield, Elaine Berger of Aspen, Donna Berger of Springfield, and Ann Phelps of Agawam.

A memorial service was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

EDWARD M. DELOGHIA

Edward M. Deloglia, 73, of 121 Fairview Avenue, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He owned and operated M. Deloglia Trucking Co. for 45 years and retired in 1986.

Born in Springfield, he was a lifelong Agawam resident and a Navy veteran of World War II.

He belonged to the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Lodge and the Italian Sportsmen's Club.

His wife, the former Irene J. Moriarty, died in 1995.

He leaves a son, Edward J. of Springfield, and a daughter, Erin M. Deloglia of Charlestown, Rhode Island.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and St. Anthony of Padua Church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

JAMES W. IRVING

James W. Irving, 90, of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a salesman for many years for Buitoni

Foods of New Jersey and retired in 1970.

Born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey, he lived in Rutherford, New Jersey, for many years before moving to Florida in the 1970's. He moved to Agawam several years ago.

He was a member of Rutherford Elks Lodge 547, served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and was also a volunteer policeman.

He leaves his wife, the former Susan Colacurcio; two stepsons, Richard Sparano of Caldwell, New Jersey, and Joseph Sparano of Mission Viejo, California; a stepdaughter, Susan Brundage of East Longmeadow; eight stepgrandchildren; and a great-stepgrandson.

A memorial service was held at Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow.

DAVID SOKOL

David Sokol, 68, of 90 Beekman Drive, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a lawyer in the Springfield area and worked previously for the government in Washington, D.C.

Born in Boston, he attended Boston English High School, graduated from the University of Massachusetts, and received a law degree from Boston University.

He moved to Springfield in the late 1950's.

He belonged to the Massachusetts and Hampden County Bar Associations.

His wife, the former Natalie Klein, died in 1984.

He leaves his mother, Lillian Hadgi of Longmeadow; two sons, Marc of Northampton and Eric of Washington; a daughter, Barbara Sokol of New Providence, New Jersey; a companion, Florence Majgier of Chicopee; and a grandson.

A memorial service was held in the chapel at the Jewish Nursing Home in Longmeadow. Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

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"When you're dealing with 12,000 pieces of property, you're bound to have some errors," Nicora said. "We hope to update once or twice a year so that the information is current."

While similar web-sites are becoming more and more common, Nicora believes Agawam is the only community in the area to have such a depth of information on their on-line facility.

Nicora said the town was fortunate to have an in-house Internet administrator, Jeff Hulbert, to coordinate the effort between the Assessor's Office and Patriot Properties in going on-line with the assessor's record card information. "It was that much easier to have someone so knowledgeable in-house," Nicora noted.

To take advantage of the new service, go to the town web-site at www.AGAWAM.MA.US and click on Assessor's Record Card Information. From there you can search by name, location, or parcel (map, block, and lot) by choosing a search type and typing in the appropriate information. Usually, just the street name, without adding St, Rd, Ave, or La, will work for a street search. There are several selections to view in the field cards and the cards can be printed by clicking on "Printable Record Card."

The Assessor's Office can be reached by E-mail at assessor@agawam.ma.us or by telephone at 786-0400, ext. 258, and fax at 786-9927.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

Thank you.

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FORMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER LOUIS MASSOIA served as the 2000 marshall of Agawam's Annual Memorial Day Parade. Massoia addressed the gathering on the Veterans' Green following the parade.

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by Edward Kellogg - Veterans' Agent - 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

In keeping with the spirit of patriotism, I thought I would share the following with you. This piece was written by CWO 4 (RET) Frank Montoya.

IN MEMORY OF...

In memory of ... the Doughboys,
 Who went "Over There" to fight.
 They ate and slept in a muddy trench;
 They suffered shot and shell and poison gas.
 They lie now, silently, beneath Cross or Star,
 In lonely fields, across the sea, so far.

In memory of ... the GI Joes,
 Who throughout the world did proudly serve,
 In that dreadful "War to end all Wars."
 The hundreds of thousands who bravely died
 To preserve our precious way of life;
 To save the world from pain and strife.

In memory of ... those neglected souls,
 Who in Korea waged "The Forgotten War."
 They faced Siberian cold and scorching heat,
 And a Gargantuan foe in a relentless land.
 Can we forget the Battle of Pork Chop Hill,
 And the more than 8,000 that are still missing?

In memory of ... those who went, in doubt,
 To fight a most unpopular and thankless war.
 As they died, their peers maligned their deeds;
 Their cause decried abroad, and here at home.
 No regard for the thousands that would sadly fall,
 Their names engraved on that cold memorial wall.

In memory of ... those who died on desert sands,
 And who died "keeping peace" in foreign lands.
 Whether hot or cold ... wars call for sacrifice,
 And our sons and daughters have paid the price.

Let us hold them ever close, in memory,
 For they have shown that Freedom Is Not Free.

Freedom is not free. Think about it; many people in this country take this freedom for granted...

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United Way Distributes \$\$\$ To Ag. Counseling Ctr.

The 1999 United Way campaign completed its fund distribution process this week with local agencies receiving over \$5 million dollars. 1999 was the first year that United Way of Pioneer Valley was merged with United Way of Holyoke, South Hadley and Granby and a record \$6,778,465 million dollars were contributed during the fund drive.

AGAWAM COUNSELING CENTER - (2000 - \$67,951, 1999 - \$63,854), 30 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Katherine B. Wilson, Executive Director (BIIN) Phone: 413-786-6410, Fax: 413-789-9623. United Way Funded Programs: Child & Family Counseling/Substance Abuse Prevention; Senior Counseling.

This year's allocation was conducted by more than 70 community volunteers and took more than three months to complete. A total of 162 local health and human service programs are being funded through 55 local agencies.

"It was an exceptional year and a tribute to the dozens of volunteers who really sacrificed their time and talents to insure the integrity of the funding process," said Joanne Dernoga, vice president of fund distribution. Each year, the volunteers visit every one of the United Way's member agencies and review their programs, budgets and new funding requests. "As a volunteer, it's exciting to visit the agencies and see first hand the people they serve, the lives they change," said attorney Neva Rohan, chair of the United Way fund distribution committee. "It was a privilege and a pleasure to participate in this year's review process." United Way changed this year from a January 1st to January 1st funding cycle, to a July 1st to July 1st cycle.

Sister City Comm. Donates Its Own Money To Reggio Project

In an unprecedented move, the Agawam Sister City Commission, by unanimous consent, decided to donate \$50 each to the "Jubilee 2000 Yearbook" project.

"We are about halfway to our goal of \$10,000. The advertising campaign ends at the end of July. The commissioners felt that they wanted to demonstrate to the community how passionate they are about the success of the sister-city project. The \$1500 will help defray the expense of publishing the yearbook," said F. William Euliano, Jr., Chairman.

"I can't remember in my time in Agawam when an appointed board or commission has put up their own money. It says quite a bit about the character and determination of this commission as a whole," commented Euliano.

The delegation from our sister city, Reggio, Calabria in Italy, will visit Agawam from October 4 through October 9. Once again, the purpose of the entire fundraising project is to raise funds exclusively to host the Italian delegation. All commissioners will pay their own expenses associated with the sister city relationship.

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Breakfast For Former Chief Grady



LAST MONTH ON FATHER'S DAY, a breakfast was held at the Italian Sporting Club to raise money for a scholarship fund in the memory of former Agawam Police Chief Kenneth Grady. Pictured from left: Agawam firemen Ken Blair, Mark Yacovone, and Steve Castelli; Shelley Reed; and Shelley's father, retired police officer and former Agawam Town Councilor Edward Borgatti. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT THE Father's Day breakfast at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street (from left to right): Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano and his wife, Donna, along with Jill & Don Pisano. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Cookin' & Eatin' For A Good Cause



MEMBERS OF AGAWAM UNICO volunteered their services as the kitchen crew for the Father's Day breakfast. The proceeds from this event will be used for a scholarship fund in honor of former Police Chief Kenneth Grady. From left: Bob Rossi, Art Chase, Ron Lalancette, Sal Morassi, Ed Disco, and Dick DiLullo. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



SEATED AT THE Father's Day pancake breakfast at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street (from left): Richard Weld, Dave Spafford, Lori Ciak, Dan Ciak, and Alan Boissonneault. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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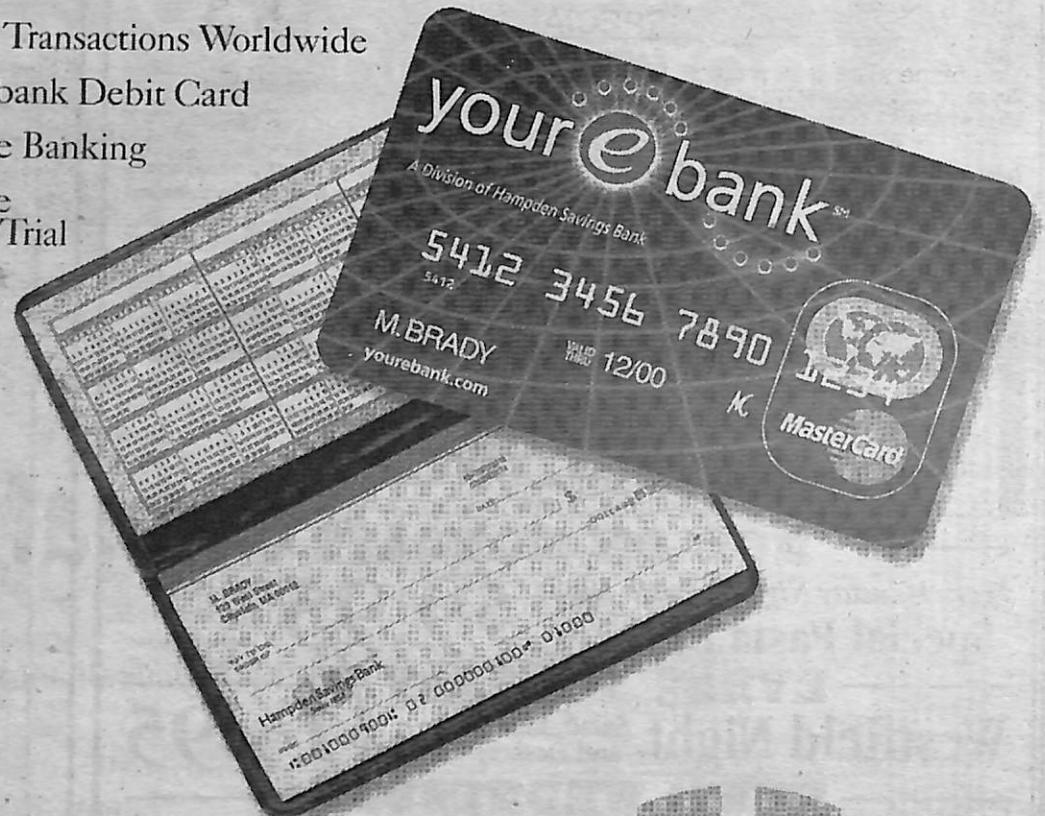
The Seminar is offered in three parts and on two separate days. Working the Room like a Pro is on Tuesday, July 11, 8:30am-11:30am. SpeakEasy I, 8:30am-11:30am and SpeakEasy II, from 12:30pm-3:30pm, are both on Thursday, July 20. Attendance at SpeakEasy I is suggested for participation in SpeakEasy II. The Captain Leonard House is located at 663 Main Street. The fee for one seminar is \$60; two are \$95 and three are \$145. Coffee and danish are offered at the morning programs. To register and for corporate group information, contact Sasha ZeBryk at 413-821-0086 or SashaSpeaks@aol.com.

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ELENA (left) from Russia and CELINE (right) from France are two students who could be part of the Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) if host families can be immediately found for the 2000-2001 school year.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter - AAN!

Agawam AFS Seeks Host Families For Exchange Students

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is seeking host families for the 2000-2001 school year.

Agawam AFS has already committed to two female students who will be seniors at Agawam High School; one is from Denmark, and the second is from New Zealand. The chapter has also committed to accept a visiting teacher to team-teach with AHS faculty advisor Mary Ellen Bruce in the school's Foreign Language Department beginning in January 2000.

The chapter still has room for one or two more students, but cannot commit to these students until approved host families are found. One girl, Elena, 16, is from Russia, and the second girl, Celine, 17, is from France.

AFS is the largest student-teacher exchange program in the world. Agawam AFS has been hosting students since 1974 and began hosting visiting teachers in the late 1980's. Agawam AFS offers a strong community chapter to each host family, as well as a strong student chapter at AHS. Each AFS student is a senior at AHS; receives full medical insurance as well as liability insurance; and the Agawam Chapter also helps to defray the costs for many school-related activities. The chapter also is busy with cultural and social events for the students throughout the year.

If you would like more information about Agawam AFS, or about American Intercultural Programs, please contact Family Selection Chairwoman Debbie Struck at 786-6760 or chapter President Ric Sardella at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (evenings).

Vikings To Greet The Tall Ships In New London, CT

The Norwegian community of the Greater Springfield area will be in New London, Connecticut, on July 12 to watch the arrival of thirty tall ships under full sail.

Seafaring has been in the lives of Norwegians throughout history. One member of the group, Reidar Nordal, spent half a year in his youth in Norway as a student aboard a similar tall ship, learning the art of sailing. He was one of 200 students. Another member of the group, Inger Bolduc, at age 75, went out to sea in a tall ship.

Anyone, of any ethnic background, who is interested in this trip may join the group. The bus will leave the Five Star Terminal on Shoemaker Lane in Feeding Hills. The destination is a park in New London overlooking the ocean where it is expected that the viewing of the ships' arrival will be excellent. There will also be an opportunity to take a shuttle for those who want to get closer, or even to board the ships. The cost of the shuttle is \$3.00. The round trip cost of the bus is \$17. The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m.

Anyone who is interested in joining the group should call Inger Bolduc at 567-8438.

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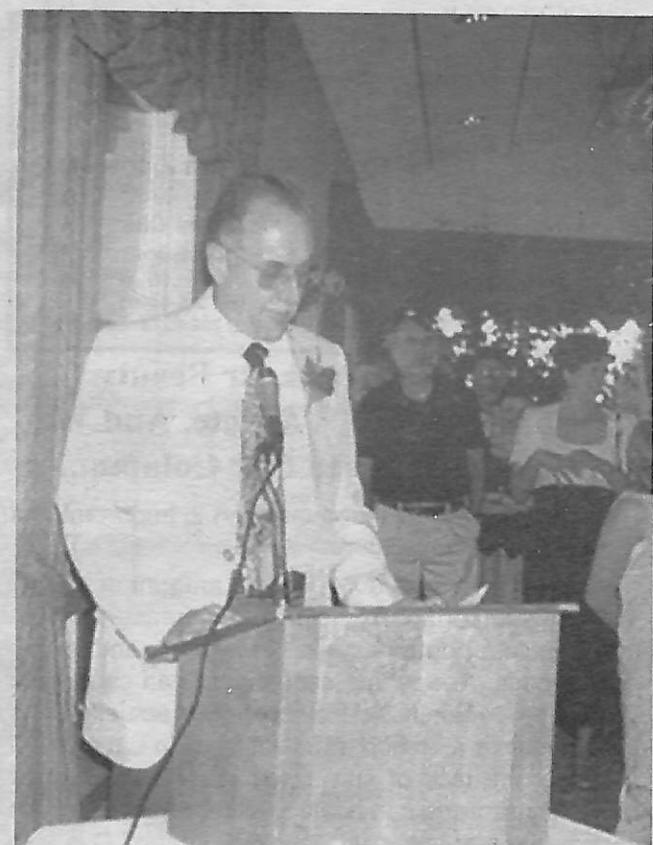
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Bruce Haynes (center), a 1961 graduate of Agawam High School, waves to a portion of the over 400 people who attended his recently held retirement reception. For 34 years, he served as band director at Wamogo High School in Litchfield, Connecticut. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Haynes (who studied under former band director Darcy Davis at AHS) addresses the attendees at his retirement reception.

AHS Alumnus Honored At Retirement Reception

Agawam High grad Bruce Haynes was recently honored at a retirement reception after serving as the band director at Wamogo High School in Litchfield, Connecticut, for 34 years.

Over 400 present and former students and their parents attended the party at the Torrington Country Club. Extensive contributions for a scholarship fund in his name were made, and a three-CD package of band recordings over the years was produced for the event.

As Haynes' former band director, Darcy Davis attended the event and provided a number of pages and photos from the AHS Band Scrapbooks that were

included in a Memory album for the retirement.

The following news item from 1961 indicates Haynes' impressive achievements during his high school years: *first AHS Band member to make "All-East" ... etc.*

Haynes had the benefit of many years of private lessons with Harvey Larose, a Feeding Hills resident and one of the finest musicians and teachers in the area.

The 1961 Yearbook listed the following listings for graduates of that year:

* Class Prophecy: Bruce Haynes is teaching music at AHS.

* Class Gifts & Song: Bruce Haynes - his own band, "Music Man."

* Bruce also wrote the Class Song for that year.

Haynes was among the first of quite a few AHS grads who went on to a career or continuing performance in the music area. Over 50 were mentioned in the 1976 program book for the musical "Yankee Doodle Dandy." The list for years beyond that has not been assembled, but is also extensive.

The contribution of many excellent teachers on the music staff should be noted, and a friendly environment for musical achievement continues in the present teachers and activities on all levels.

AHS's Class Of '80 Prepares For 20th Reunion

Plans for the 20th reunion celebration for Agawam High School's class of 1980 are underway. A fall 2000 gathering is planned for 1980 graduates to get reacquainted with their fellow classmates at AHS - see some old friends and make a few new ones!

Details will follow by mail, but current address information is needed. If you graduated from Agawam High School in 1980 (or know someone who did), please contact us with current stats (names, addresses, etc.) by mail at P.O. Box 341, Agawam, MA 01001; by e-mail at msuttondrake@ivillage.com; or by contacting any of the following - Lisa (Capitanio) Maggi, Maria (Sutton) Drake, or Fred Withee.

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According to research published in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism and the Archives of Dermatology, sunscreens absorb the ultraviolet rays needed for your body to synthesize vitamin D, and with constant use of sunscreen it has been found to decrease vitamin D in the blood.

Even though all the effects of a vitamin D deficiency are unknown, it is safe to say that getting the required amounts is important to promote good health. Most people rely on natural, unprotected exposure to sunlight to maintain adequate vitamin D nutrition. It has been reported that estimates on the amount of sun exposure time needed can vary from fifteen to thirty minutes daily. Keep in mind that just walking to the mailbox or talking to your neighbor in the yard or a drive in the car can give you more than enough exposure, so please don't look over the importance of a sunscreen product every day.

Overexposure to the sun creates wrinkles and brown spots, damages collagen, reduces skin elasticity, and can promote skin cancer. Select a sunscreen with at least a SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 or higher and reapply as needed throughout the day according to your activities and exposure. Tests have shown that an SPF of 15 absorbs 93 percent of the sun's burning rays, while an SPF 30 product absorbs 97 percent. Any percentage gain after that point offers little additional benefit and may expose the consumer to unnecessarily high levels of chemicals.

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"Transitions" Seminar At Heritage Woods On Wed., July 12th

On Wednesday, July 12, at 2:30 p.m., Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community is pleased to offer "Transitions". This seminar is open to the public and is for elders or families of elders in the process of making a decision related to living arrangements. Seating is limited so please call 786-9704 to reserve your place.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you...



THE ANNUAL SENIOR REBATE LUNCHEON was recently held at the Agawam Senior Center. Among those who attended were (from left) Margaret Quigley, Carolyn Leary, Priscilla Peterson, Walter Nemes, Marguerite Messer, Mayor Richard A. Cohen, Amelia McMeans, Peter Pappas, Rosemary Robinson, and Patricia Borgatti. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Senior Rebate Lunch Held at Sr. Center

On Thursday, June 15, 2000 the annual Agawam Senior Rebate Luncheon was held at the Agawam Senior Center. This event was held to recognize those individuals who participated in this year's program. Presenting the awards was Richard A. Cohen, Mayor.

The Senior Rebate Program is designed to permit senior residents to reduce property taxes by up to \$500 per year by volunteering for the Town. Participants receive credit for volunteering 100 hours.

To qualify for the program you must be at least 60 years of age or older, a homeowner or current spouse of a homeowner and reside within the Town.

The program was instituted five years ago and has proven to be a "win-win" situation for the Town.

According to Sandra MacFadyen, Personnel Director, the Town budgets \$6,000 per year. The goals of the program are to assist senior citizens with property tax bills, to increase involvement of senior citizens in local government and to acknowledge and affirm the skill of the Town's senior residents and the community's continuing need for their services.

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Spfld. Turnverein Announces Summer Activities & Events

A cookout is being held at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden St., Agawam (Garden St. exit off Route 57) on July 15th at 6:00 p.m. and will offer a choice between grilled pork chops or grilled chicken, along with several salads, and desserts. Music for listening and dancing will be provided by Peter Frey.

The cookout will be held rain or shine. Admission is \$8.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10.

Call Christa at 786-0143 for reservations.

On all Wednesdays during the summer, there will be a Women's Coffee Social in the afternoon at 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge. On Wednesday evenings, there is Prize Night Bowling at the Turnverein alleys offered to the public. The cost is \$8 for the evening.

The Turnverein bowling alleys are open to the public daily during the summer from 4:00-8:30 p.m.

Members of the Turnverein are now planning the big OKTOBERFEST, which will take place on Saturday, August 19th from 12:00 to late evening. The day will include German foods, crafts, beer, and wine, the Shrine Band playing German music for listening and dancing in the afternoon and a DJ for dancing in the evening.

Many other fun activities are in the planning stages. Save the date and watch for more information.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 10th: Chicken cutlet on a roll w/lettuce & tomato, steak fries, plums.

Tuesday, July 11th: "Birthday Day" - minestrone soup, meatball grinder, corn on the cob, birthday cake.

Wednesday, July 12th: Stuffed shells w/extra sauce, tossed salad, Vienna bread, ice cream.

Thursday, July 13th: Roast turkey, stuffing w/gravy, zucchini & summer squash, rye bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, July 14th: Baked fish w/lemon pepper, steak fries, peas, whole wheat bread, pears.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1945 recently held their 55th reunion with a Friday evening cocktail party at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills, and a Saturday luncheon at Storrowton Tavern on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition.



REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS for the 55th reunion of AHS's Class of 1945: Florida Tangocci, Eleanore (Ezekiel) Richards, Shirlee (Balboni) Harrison, Rita (Gallagher) Moore, Jean (Demarais) Brusseau, and Edward Gallerani.

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Springfield Symphony To Host “Petting Zoo” For Kids At Agawam Public Library

Judy Camrye, a volunteer from the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, will be at the Agawam Public Library on Monday, July 10th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., to present a “Symphony Petting Zoo.”

Participants will be able to touch and play a variety

of musical instruments.

This program is for Agawam and Feeding Hills children aged three through seven.

Space is limited, so please visit the library or call 789-1550 to register for this program.

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Jr. Women Attend International Convention

Three members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club - Donna Shibley, Rosalie Dialessi, and Cindy Sanford-Taylor - recently attended the 109th International Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs held this year in Boston. There was no mistaking the host state (or the host city) at the Massachusetts State Banquet - "The Spirit of Massachusetts is the Spirit of America."

The festivities began with the New England Patriettes dressed in red, white, and blue, entering to the music of "Yankee Doodle Boy" (modified to be Boston-specific), and included fife and drum entertainment and a seafood dinner (lobster, shrimp, and scallops). Donna Shibley and Rosalie Dialessi were Patriettes during the opening celebration.

The American Ballroom was decked out in stars and stripes, with gold and silver balloons in the shape of stars hovering above the tables. At the center of each table was a replica of a Civil War era drum, with a 100 year-old lithograph design made in Granville, Massachusetts.

In the true spirit of unity, Massachusetts welcomed its sister New England region states, and together they put on quite a celebration. Attendees were treated to a unique Parade of Flags that included women dressed in period costume, honoring various outstanding Massachusetts women. The honorees included Julia Ward Howe, Abigail Adams, Clara Barton, Louisa May Alcott, and Susan B. Anthony. The flags presented were from towns in Massachusetts. Cindy Sanford-Taylor led the Western Division with the Agawam Town Flag.

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WHYN AM 560



Summer is progressing nicely, and I hope you are enjoying yourself. To make sure that you continue to enjoy yourself, this might be the right time to remind you about food safety.

When you are working with raw meats, never mix the cutting board. Don't cut chicken and then cut beef without washing the board. Use antibacterial soaps, bleach, and real hot water.

DO NOT use those damp, dirty dish clothes that you have hanging from the faucet. Old sponges are the same thing. They harbor GERMS. Use paper towels to clean up with. Buy a nylon cutting board. Clean your knives with antibacterial soaps and really hot water.

When you are cooking outside, have a bucket or large pot of hot, soapy water, and a separate rinse bucket for the tools that fall to the ground or when you are going from cooking chicken to beef.

Keep your raw foods on ice while you are waiting to cook. Never leave raw chicken out in the sun. That's what ice chests are for.

Now, let's give you something to cook - potatoes. Brush with a little olive oil and wrap in foil. Place in the grill off the direct coals or flames of a gas grill. I have seen people bury them in the coals, but you can burn them. Corn on the cob can be done the same way. Brush with butter and season, then wrap with foil (they come out very nice).

Portobellos can be nice grilled; just make sure they have some oil or butter on them, and watch that you do not burn them.

Zucchini on the grill (or any squash) need to be seasoned and oiled. Grill until just the flavors are set, not until they are soft.

I like to cook salmon steaks on the grill. I marinate them in a spice- and oil-based dressing, then add some fresh dill. Cover the coals with foil and make some slits in the foil, and then on with those steaks (three or four minutes a side). Drizzle with some lemon at serving.

Have you ever deep-fried a turkey? Outside again, you need a pot that will accommodate a large bird. Use peanut oil to fry. Marinate the bird and then sprinkle with red pepper before frying (cavity side down and then into the oil); four minutes per pound should do the trick. Be very careful removing the bird. It will be one of the best turkeys you have ever done.

For game hens on the grill, stuff them "little rascals" with kosher salt, rosemary, garlic, and black pepper. Rub the outside with olive oil and more rosemary; cook off the heat source (indirect method). Check meat. When red-colored juices no longer flow, you're ready to eat.

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Trip To Costa Rica Scheduled For February Of 2001

Leave winter behind next February and come join us for a natural history tour of some of Costa Rica's most scenic attractions. Spend a week exploring tropical nature in this fascinating Central American country, which has managed to preserve nearly 25 percent of its territory in parks and preserves. Learn about the delicate balance between human and biological communities in the tropics, and Costa Rica's efforts to protect its sea turtles and other wildlife. Explores volcanoes, beaches, and tropical forests, and help support a local sea turtle conservation project in Costa Rica by participating in this tour.

Trip leaders will be Bill Martin, a member of Agawam Congregational Church, and Tim Barrett, a former Woodstock, Vermont school superintendent. Barrett has been hosting adventure travel groups in Costa Rica for the last five years, and specializes in

group travel oriented towards education, ecology, and local culture.

Accommodations will be in standard hotels and lodges. A 30-passenger, air-conditioned bus will provide ground transportation. The trip will be limited to 22 participants. A portion of the trip proceeds will be donated to a sea turtle conservation project administered by Costa Rica's national park service (MINAE).

The all-inclusive price for this fully-escorted, eight-day program is \$1,549. The price includes round-trip airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all meals, park admissions, tours, and services of a bilingual tour leader. The tour departs Bradley International Airport on Saturday, February 24, 2001, and returns on Saturday, March 3rd.

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Church News

Six Flags Helping Parish Cupboard

The Parish Cupboard, the food pantry and soup kitchen in West Springfield and contact persons from area churches have sold over 100 Six Flags New England tickets during the month of June. A portion of the sales of the consignment tickets supports the programs of the Parish Cupboard. June proceeds are approximately \$200. Adult tickets are \$20.50 and Junior tickets are \$16.50.

Six Flags tickets sold by Parish Cupboard volunteers are good for any single day all season. Tickets were sold during July 4th festivities on the common in West Springfield, and will be sold at the Summer Festival Day at Immaculate Conception Church, 475 Main Street on July 8th in West Springfield from 12:00 noon- 4:00 p.m.

Tickets are also available from the following: Dot Coon at Agawam Congregational; Steve Bailey at First Baptist; Theresa Barlowe at Sacred Heart; Barbara Amsden at Bethany Assembly of God.

News & Notes From First Baptist Church

The title of Rev. Barnes' sermon for our 9:30 am service on Sunday will be "Seeing the Promised Land." The Scripture reading will be Deuteronomy 34: 1-4. Marianne Tompkins will be our soloist. Her selections will be "I Will Worship You" and "Walk With Us, Lord." During the summer a special children's church will be provided during adult worship and a "Coffee and Conversation" time will follow.

Our Parent-Child "Play Group" will continue to meet during the summer each Tuesday morning at 10:00 am. This church-sponsored activity is planned for parents with children under four years of age. Anyone interested in learning more about this group may call Sandra at 786-6277.

The Handiwork Group will meet Thursday at 2:00 pm. The Youth Group will continue to meet each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm during the summer.

Church office hours are 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and can be reached at 413-786-7300.

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News & Events From Faith Bible Church

In the next two weeks we are expecting ground-breaking to be taking place for our new addition. We have been anxiously awaiting all the plans to be finalized and we believe we are all set to start. This is a very exciting time for us as we have outgrown the chapel we are in presently. It's exciting to see new faces each week as our church is growing. People are searching for a place to worship and seem to walk through our doors.

On Saturday, July 15, from 10:30a.m.-2:00p.m., the Teen Youth Group will be having its first fundraiser at the church. It's going to be a dog wash for people with dogs that need a good bath. This should be a fun and clean time. Please come out and support our teens.

A reminder that the Women's Bible Study is still meeting on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church, with a different subject each week. Nursery is provided.

Agawam Catholic Singles Group To Meet July 13th

The Agawam Catholic Singles Group meets on the second Thursday of every month at St. John's Parish Center, 823 Main Street, Agawam, at 7:00 p.m. The group consists of adult singles who are divorced, separated, widowed, or never married.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13th, and will feature games. For further information, call JoAnn at 786-0774 or John at 786-2273.

Red Cross Blood Drive At Bethany

Bethany Assembly of God is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, July 12, from noon-6:00p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to share the gift of life.

Please join the Red Cross team in the gym to participate in this drive. Sign up for an appointment slot by calling the church office at 789-2930.

On the calendar:
Sunday, July 9th: 9:30 a.m., Service of Holy Communion; "Strengthen the Church" Offering; 11:00 a.m., Church of Redemption; 4:00 p.m., Wedding.
Monday, July 10th: 7:00 p.m., Property Committee.
Tuesday, July 11th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Council.
Wednesday, July 12th: 12:00 noon, Parish Cupboard desserts needed; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed.
Thursday, July 13th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible Study.

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News & Notes From FH Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. for the summer. Rev. Donaldson has returned from vacation and will lead us in the Service of Holy Communion. Sue Boisvert will be Lector. Ushers will be Sue Boisvert and Chris Chapman. Nick Pelter will serve as Acolyte. Children are invited to worship with adults.

On Sunday, July 9th, we will have a special offering to "Strengthen the Church." As Christians, we are called to support new and developing churches. A large portion of our offering will go to pastoral leadership subsidies that will help local congregations get started. Another portion is used as a resource for all United Church of Christ congregations to support their ministry and missions. The July newsletter will contain more information about this special offering. If you cannot be in church, you may mail a contribution to the office: P.O. Box 264, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Don't forget! Sunday we will have our monthly collection for the Parish Cupboard. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the table in the sanctuary. If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the collection table for cash donations.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Parish Cupboard for Wednesday, July 12th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

During past visits to Washington, D.C., members of our confirmation class have enjoyed the hospitality of friends from St. Stephen's UCC in Cascade, MD. On Friday, July 21st, those friends will arrive here for a weekend visit. Anyone interested in offering a place for them to call home for a few days is asked to call the office or Rev. Donaldson.

Members of the Confirmation Class will be enjoying doughnuts at midnight during their sleep-over here at the church on July 14th. Please contact Rev. Rob or a member of the Board of Christian Education for complete details.

On the calendar:

Sunday, July 9th: 9:30 a.m., Service of Holy Communion; "Strengthen the Church" Offering; 11:00 a.m., Church of Redemption; 4:00 p.m., Wedding.

Monday, July 10th: 7:00 p.m., Property Committee.

Tuesday, July 11th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Council.

Wednesday, July 12th: 12:00 noon, Parish Cupboard desserts needed; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed.

Thursday, July 13th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible Study.

An ornate black and white photograph of a restaurant advertisement. The left side features a large, multi-story building with a balcony and a pool area in front. The text on the left side reads: "LOS DEARADOS MEXICAN/AMERICAN RE-OPENING JULY 5TH LUNCH & DINNER PLEASE CALL FOR HOURS" and lists amenities like parking and credit cards. The right side shows the restaurant's exterior and a pool area with people.

Our classified ads cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less; however, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. Please mail them (along with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feedings Hills, MA 01030.

BIBLE CAMP: St. John's Summer Bible Camp will July 10th-14th for children ages four through eight. Applications are \$12, with a family maximum of \$30.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB: This group consists of adult singles who are separated, divorced, or never married. The group meets on the second Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Next meeting will be July 13th and will feature games. For more info, call JoAnn, 786-0774.

WOMEN'S CLUB: The Catholic Women's Club will be serving breakfast after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 9th. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study group will not meet during July and August. It will resume on Wednesday, September 6th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS - REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER: The process of registration for next year's classes has begun. Parents of children in first grade are reminded that they have to register their children (they did not receive a note in the mail). Your child was not baptized here at St. John's, please bring a copy of the baptismal record at registration. Registration during July is \$25, and during August it is \$30. There are family rates.

PARISH PICNIC: The Parish Picnic will be coming up on August 27th. Want to help? We are still looking for "dunkees", for the dunking booth. How about some young married couples? Just call Marianne Green at 93-5764.

Parish News & Notes From St. John's Church

July 7, 2000

"Church News" is just one more reason why you turn out
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Jesus encountered opposition from His immediate neighbours, who, in spite of recognising that He was significantly different from everybody else, they'd never met, "What's this wisdom that has been given to And they took offence at Him. They also continued to suffer. He could not do any miracles there, except lay His hands on a few sick people and heal them. We are also given insight into Jesus' reaction. And He was amazed at their lack of faith. When we are suffering, does God see people who amaze Him because of lack of faith? Does God see people who are not willing to respond to His warmings and entreaties? Or does God see people who, like the Apostle Paul, see past the pain and grasp the point? When the question is put that way, the answer seems more obvious. We can pray, along with the Psalmist, "lift my eyes to You, to You whose throne is in heaven. As the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her master, so our eyes look to the hand of God, to His mercy."

The question arises, does God cause suffering? The answer would appear to be that God does not cause suffering, apart from punishing sins. The Bible says, endure hardship as discipline. For what son is not disciplined by his father? Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness.

There are times, however, when we suffer and there is no apparent point to our suffering. We can begin along behaving just fine, and still suffer. In such cases, we often wonder why. Does God cause suffering which is not connected to discipline? Even if He doesn't cause it, why does He allow it? It is probably not ever possible to fully understand, much less explain, all the terrible suffering that goes on in our world. It is possible, however, to comprehend that goes on in our world, if we understand some of our suffering, we may be able to alleviate some of it.

Sometimes we suffer because we need to. The Apostle Paul suffered all sorts of mishaps and miseries. Referring to one particular hardship which he suffered from, the Apostle wrote: To keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the grace given to me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest upon me. That is why, for Christ's sake I boast all the more.

Of the various reasons people give for their belief in God, suffering generally is seemingly among the most persuasive. After all, we'd like to think that if we made the world, we would make it to be a place where suffering didn't exist. If God is so smart and all powerful, it might seem to us that He certainly would have made a world devoid of suffering. But He didn't, and so some people think that's reason enough not to believe in God. Some of these people just think a real God could have done better. Others, who have suffered themselves, are mad at God and think He should have done better.

Some times suffering is intended by God to be a
come, sooner or later.

but if we never suffered, think how intolerable we'd
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very now and then, we need to suffer to bring bal-
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Paul was like any of the rest of us. We are all capa-
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Calendar Of Events From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, July 9th, at the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam), the Reverend Earl Eisenbach will begin a series on Three Spiritual Gifts from 1 Corinthians 13:13 ... and how faith, hope, and love abide these three. The first of these is "Let Go, Let God."

The congregation will be singing "Amazing Grace" as one of the hymns. This is a special request by Dot Coon in memory of her son, Paul Bruneau. The Anthems will be "Now Let Us Sing" and "Spirit Song." The singers will be Mary Ellen Sullivan, Diane Jeserski, Gay McDyer, Joan Hauser, Dottie Hulse, and Phyllis Bryan, with choir director and organist Ellen Cogen.

The Pastor and his wife, Barbara, are members of the order of St. Luke, an international healing and prayer ministry. They are available and will pray with individuals after the service.

This year's Vacation Bible Camp, "Family Ties," will be held from July 24th through July 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

This is for two year-olds through sixth-graders, and the cost for the entire week is \$7.

To register, please call the office at 786-7111, or Suanne Hansen at 786-6660.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The Appraisal Fair will be held on September 1st from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

2001 Costa Rica Tour: Anyone interested in a guided trip to Costa Rica in the early part of the year, please call Bill Martin at 789-1063 for more information.

Third Annual Baseball Trip: Norwich Navigators (Yankees) versus Altoona Curve (Pirates) on Sunday, July 16th, at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call Bill Martin at 789-1063.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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Peter Pan At Valley Comm. Church



SOLOMON THE CROW (Justin Murphy-Mancini) urges **Peter Pan** (Ricky Avonti) to flap his arms as he jumps over the ledge, where **Parrot** (Max Dickinson) and **Owl** (Patrick Rabbit) are pointing. The young actors star in "Pan of Netherland," the first in the summer stage series for STAGE Children's Theatre. All shows are \$5 and run Friday and Saturday, July 7th & 8th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, July 8th & 9th at 2:00 p.m. at The Red Door Theatre (on the grounds of Valley Community Church), 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

Mtgs. To "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" At Christ Church United Methodist, Swk.

Southwick: Come and join the fun and lose weight, too. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is hosting a free meeting and seeking new members interested in losing weight and keeping it off.

If you want to lose weight and make new friends who are in the same boat, come and join us for a free meeting. Meetings are held every Wednesday night at Christ Church United Methodist, 222 College Highway.

Weigh in from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., with meeting to start sharply at 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Come try a free meeting. If you like what you see, it is only \$1 per week to have fun and lose weight. To join for a year is only \$20, which includes our TOPS magazine mailed to your house throughout the year.

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Spotlight on Business

At Twin Silos...

"The Sand Trap" Doubles Fun For All Ages

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

The Sand Trap, located on the corner of Suffield and South Streets in Agawam, is a great place to go to for some fresh air and recreation. Offered there, at the spot known as the Twin Silos, are two golf courses. One is miniature golf, with interesting and unusual landscapes and designs, and the other is a nine-hole par three course, sometimes called "chip and putt."

"The Senior Club" caters to those clients interested in maintaining their exuberance and enthusiasm for fun. The Sand Trap features, in addition to the 18-hole miniature golf course and the chip and putt course, a dining patio and snack bar facility. They even have custom selected music via satellite.

"The Senior Club" membership includes unlimited play on either course for just \$40 a month or \$79 for the entire season (if joining in July or after). This is a 44 percent savings monthly or close to 90 percent savings seasonally. Summer hours are from 10:00a.m. to 10:00p.m., every day of the week! There is even an "Early Bird" option of opening at 8:00a.m., if enough people show an interest. The season ends October 31st.

A membership card for "The Senior Club" will net savings of 15 percent at the snack bar. The card should always be shown at the golf starter window when arriving for play as well. Members are eligible to participate in all "Senior Prime Time Activities," held during Senior Prime Time (10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.)

These activities include a Free Hole in One contest (Hole 1 of each course); free weekly golf clinics every Monday at 10:30a.m.; free weekly golf tournaments every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. alternating from mini golf to Par 3; and free weekly raffles for prizes every Friday at 10:30a.m.

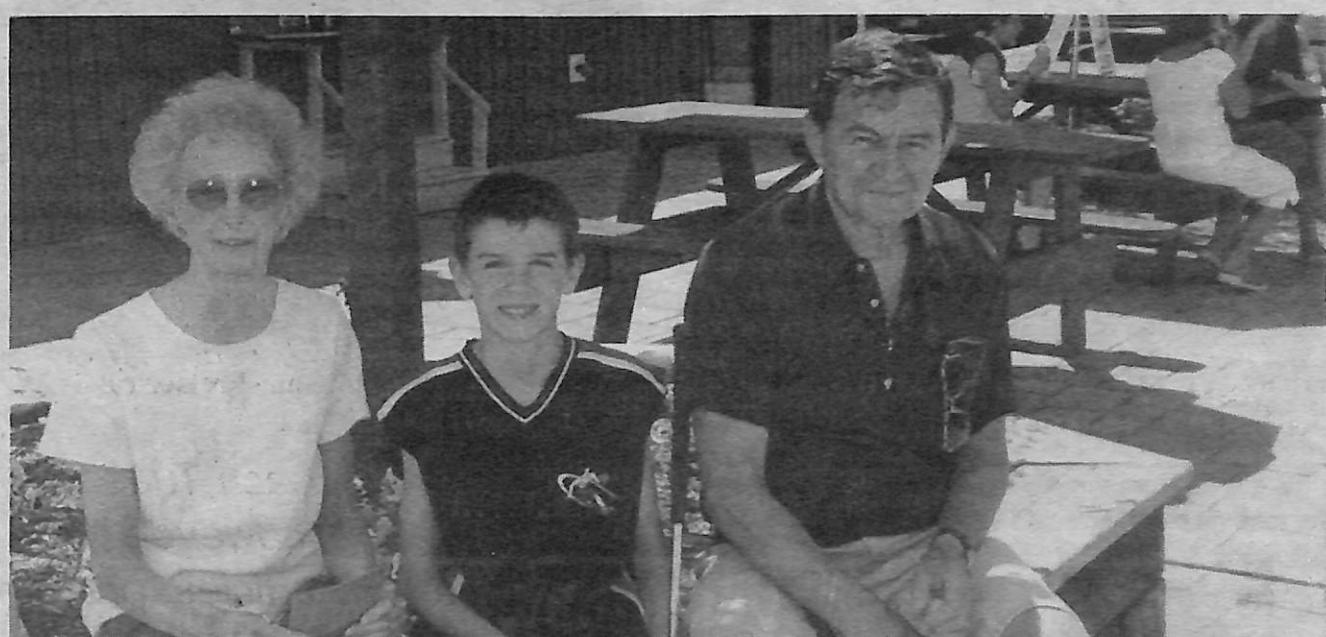
The Sand Trap will donate to a charity an amount equal to the weekly golf tournament prize pool. The member selects the charity of their preference on a form, submitted prior to the contest. Paul Sutton, retired television weather anchor, is a season member and recommends the Senior Club at The Sand Trap. The age to join the Senior Club is 60 or over.

According to Marketing Director Johanne Presser, free lessons, free tournaments, and free raffles every Friday are just a few of the reasons to join The Sand Trap. "It's a great place for grandparents to go with their grandchildren. We'll be offering a Mothers' League when the kids go back to school in the fall, and we are open to having kids design their own leagues."

One newspaper recently pointed out that at The Sand Trap, patrons can golf on either course in a pleasant, low-stress...sea of flowers, shrubbery, and running streams... There are also bridges, waterfalls, and singing birds. It is a happy, relaxing place,



KIDS' BIRTHDAY PARTIES are always a blast at The Sand Trap's 18-hole miniature golf course. From left: Mariellen Guidetti, Alexa Guidetti, Jamie Corriveau, Deanna Ippolito, Mark Guidetti (the five year-old "birthday boy"), and Alex Kozikowski. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



RAY MATRONI (far right) was the winner of the Senior Club Membership Season Pass (worth \$99) at The Sand Trap at the Twin Silos complex on Suffield Street in Agawam. Matroni is pictured with his wife, Alda, and grandson, Dan Matroni. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

where walking and low-key exercise mingle with enjoyable challenge and comaraderie.

A new feature this year at The Sand Trap, youth tournament leagues will run for six weeks beginning July 10th. The league will consist of twice weekly league play and one free pass to come and practice either alone or with friends. At no extra cost, group lessons will be available on the chip and putt course, especially valuable for those who have not played on real greens or used a wedge.

The Sand Trap supplies golf clubs and balls for free, or players may bring their own.

The leagues will be divided by age into two groups. For 12 and 13 year-old players, leagues are noon to 2:00 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays; hours for 14 and 15 year-old players will be noon to 2:00p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. The first two weeks of play will be spent establishing a handicap which will allow beginners to have a shot at winning the weekly tournaments.

Tournament formats will change from week-to-

week to keep things interesting. There will be prizes for first, second, and third place, and scores and results will be posted on the bulletin board to the left of the golf starter window.

If a player misses a week due to vacations, The Sand Trap will even provide three passes to play golf at The Sand Trap to replace to missed week. The Sand Trap offers more than just golf. There is fun, competition, opportunity to give to your favorite charity, fresh air and exercise, and a great way to share friendships. Birthday parties can be arranged as well. Any Sand Trap service window will provide Youth Membership Registration forms or Senior Club Member forms.

Manager Johanne Presser has created dozens of promotions, contests, and package offers, providing families and groups with incentives to play one or both of these courses over and over during the summer.

It makes sense to take advantage of the specials, considering that summer flies by faster than most people can believe. For more information, visit their website at www.sandtrapgolf.com, or call 413-789-3143.

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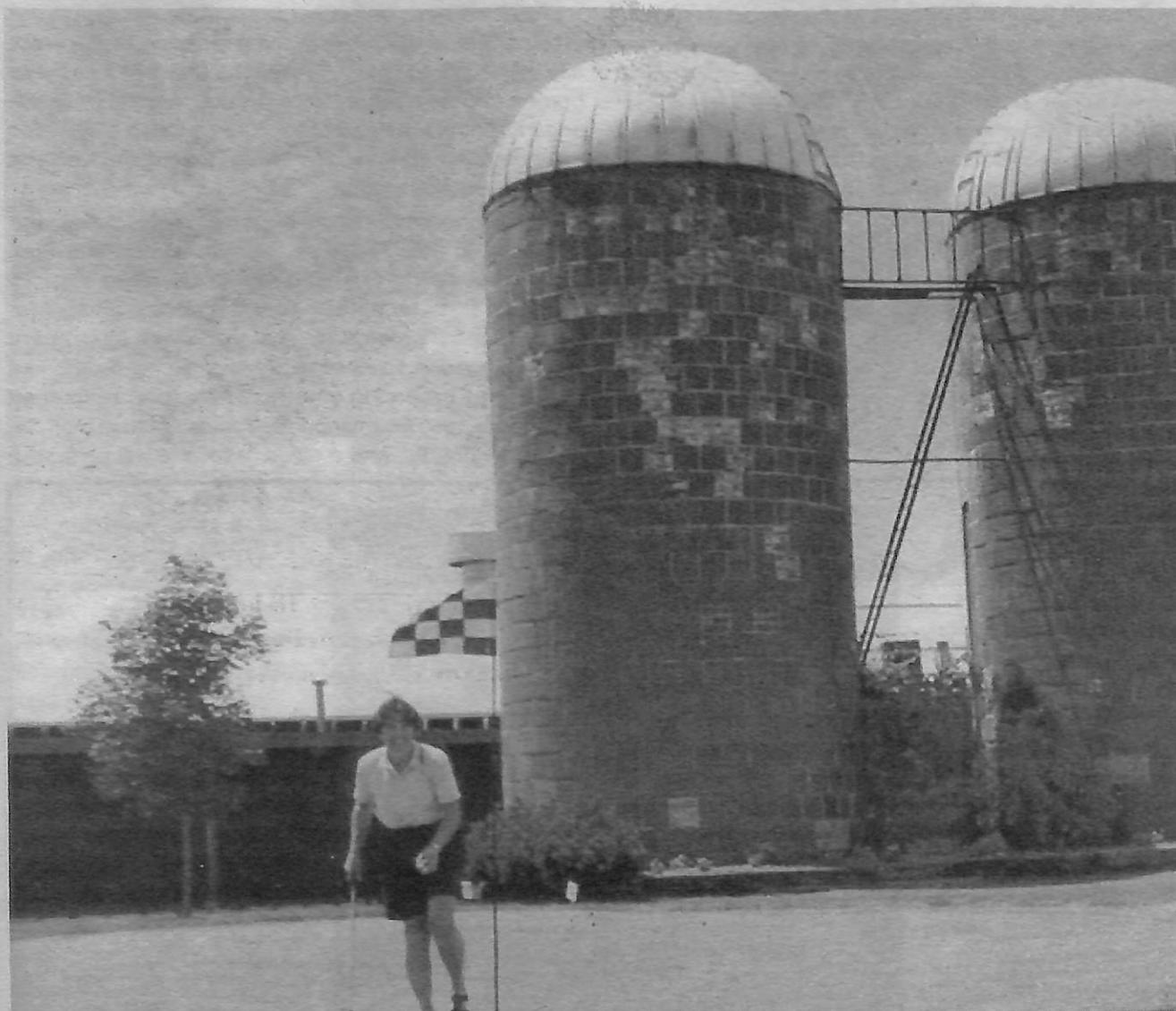
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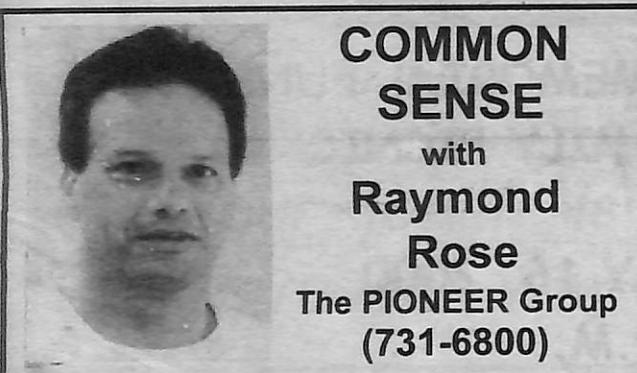
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OVER AT THE SAND TRAP AT TWIN SILOS, Marketing Director Johanne Presser retrieves her ball on one of the nicely manicured greens. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



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Ten Commandments of Family Life

Several years ago, I came across the information listed below. Although my family has always strived to practice each of these commandments, I thought the wording below was short and sweet. . .and to the point. Thus, I hung it up in our kitchen, and it's been there ever since. My boys and I look at it on a regular basis. See what you think. . .

1. I shall be considerate at all times.
2. I shall respect the rights, privileges, sensibilities, freedom and privacy of all others in the household.
3. I shall put my clothes where they belong and shall not clutter up any part of the house. . .and that which is done in my room shall not be the business of others unless it infringes on their rights.
4. That which I take out I shall put back immediately.
5. I shall not take anything which belongs to someone else without asking.
6. I shall do my share of the work.
7. I shall attempt to do all things the way they were meant to be done.
8. I shall not waste heat, hot water, electricity or anything else.
9. I shall give advance notice of my comings and goings, especially if they will keep me away at mealtime.
10. I shall not criticize others in my house, nor ridicule their views, nor prolong a dispute.

"If we try to live by the spirit of these rules, ours will be a happy home, whatever difficulties beset us."

Cut out these Ten Commandments and review them with each family member. . .it will give everyone a great set of guidelines to live by.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

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Top 10 Dollar-Wise Vacation Planning Tips (Part II Of II)

6. Take advantage of frequent traveler programs. For those who have racked up various travel perks through business travel, a family vacation may be an opportune time to cash them in. Many programs include reduced rates for hotels and car rentals in addition to free or discounted air fare.

7. Look for discount coupons. Coupon books are often available that include restaurants, hotels, and car rentals. If you have access to a discount coupon book, be sure to wade through it carefully prior to your vacation. Many coupons offer half-price accommodations and two-for-one restaurant meals.

8. Consider off-season travel. If you've found yourself annoyed by the crowds and high prices of traveling during peak season, consider planning your next trip during the off-season. Be sure to check the Internet for weather conditions and availability of sites and attractions before making any commitments, however.

9. Look for car rental deals. While it's more convenient to pick up a rental car when you arrive at an airport, consider the cost before doing so. Most airport rental companies charge more than their off-site counterparts, and you may also find yourself paying extra airport taxes.

10. Use credit wisely. It's a smart move to carry a credit card for safety and convenience. However, you'll want to avoid carelessly racking up debt during your getaway. No matter how much fun you have on a vacation, it will be diminished if you're still paying for the experience when your next vacation rolls around.

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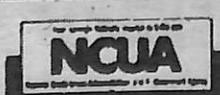
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* Ask your sales associate for information on recent sales of comparable homes in your area.

* Don't price your home too high as a means of making more profit. You will lose a large pool of eligible buyers who won't even look at your home because they can't afford the price. Likewise, you'll disappoint those buyers who can find more house for their money elsewhere.

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Legal Memo

by

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(413) 786-9454**PREMISES LIABILITY****Home Under Construction - Fall Through Hole In Floor**

The plaintiff was delivering windows and doors to a one-family home under construction when he allegedly fell through an unguarded hole in one of the rooms.

The jury found both, the sub-contractor/framer, who had exposed the hole and the absent homeowner, negligent.

The liability against the homeowner related to his alleged failure to warn as well as his alleged negligent supervision as required by the State Building Code.

The jury awarded the plaintiff \$500,000.00.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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The new web site features several ways to contact Keenan & Molta agents, as well as take a look at available properties. Just click on "Listings" and you'll be connected to Coldwell Banker's database of more than 200,000 featured homes. Fill out an on-line form and you can take advantage of the Personal Retriever option.

You'll be e-mailed about properties matching your profile. One of the most exciting features of the web-site is the Virtual Open House. You'll step inside these homes and take a good look around, all the while sitting in front of your computer. You can also place bids on some of the properties in Coldwell Banker's Premier Auction House.

To learn more about the local sales associates who are ready to help you, click on "Agents" and you'll get a complete listing of Keenan & Molta's more than 75 Realtors. Click on a name to see a picture and a profile. You can also order videos on the web site. There are four videos to choose from covering topics like pricing and preparing your home for sale, marketing your home, and financing tips. You can also e-mail the company directly, and a sales associate will help you.

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Jimmy Fund Tourney Raises Record \$285,000

More than 600 golfers helped raise \$285,000 for cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in the Jimmy Fund's largest golf tournament on June 19. They were playing in the 21st Annual Jimmy Fund Celebrity Golf Tournament Jeffrey Vinick Memorial.

According to event co-chair Barbara Sadowsky of Longmeadow, the event owes its success to the strong support of the Western Massachusetts business community. Boasting 115 sponsors at varying levels including Platinum Sponsor, Waste Management of Western Massachusetts, the Celebrity Golf Tournament is played on five of the region's top golf courses. These include the Crumpin Fox in Bernardston, the Orchards Golf Club in South Hadley, the Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow, the Crestview Country Club in Agawam, and the Springfield Country Club in Springfield.

Played in honor of Jeffrey Vinick, who lost his battle to cancer at age 19 in 1982, the tournament includes the action on the links and a post-tournament dinner, which is held at Chez Josef in Agawam and features a live and silent auction. The auction, which offered sports memorabilia and trips to top vacation destinations in Europe and the United States, raised nearly \$50,000 of the total.

In addition to Sadowsky, this year's event was co-chaired by Andrew Cohen, also of Longmeadow, and Anthony Frasco of Southwick.

Celebrities participating included former Boston Celtic and coach of the New England Blizzard, K.C. Jones, and Dr. Jim Lonborg, 1967 Cy Young Award



AGAWAM RESIDENTS PETER CLARK AND CHRIS CHECHILE play golf with 1967 Cy Young Award winner and former Boston Red Sox pitcher Jim Lonborg at Crestview Country Club. The celebrity teamed up with the foursome to play in the 21st Annual Jimmy Fund Celebrity Golf Tournament/Jeffrey Vinick Memorial on Monday, June 19th. Also in the photo are Hugh Mathews and Kevin Berkowitz of Pennzoil/Quaker State.

member of the 1967 Boston Red Sox "Dream Team." They were joined by Mike Andrews, chairman of the Jimmy Fund and former teammate of Lonborg's, and media celebrities from Springfield TV stations, WGGB and WWLP, and WHYN radio.

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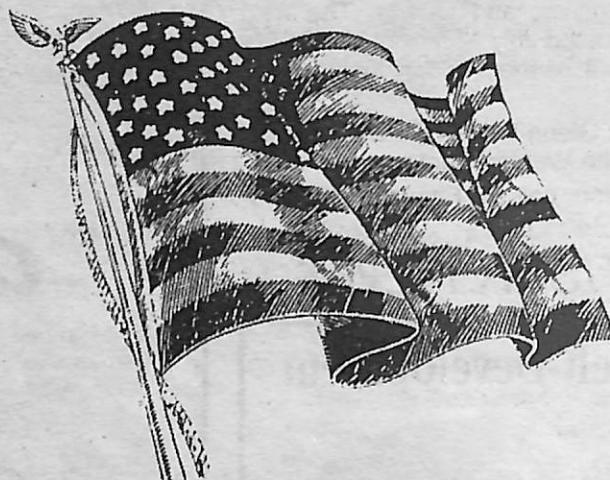
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For those of you who relate to the Exodus story, particularly the part about moving (through the Red Sea) into freedom away from an oppressive system, I offer this question: *Can you live into a new identity once you decide you can't go back to the old identity?*

Can you connect to your own story as to where you see yourself relative to the metaphor of the Red Sea? The Red Sea to me means those essential moment(s) in time where real life transitions are possible and are achieved. They are those moments in time that can happen only with the help of others. Some call these "miracle moments", "couldn't have done it without you" moments, "thanks for just being there for me" moments.

In these moments, we can get very close to the fear and anxiety of wanting to "just keep things the way they are," or "let's do it, but don't let go of my hand," or "I can't believe I survived. I thought I was gonna die!"

Again, back to your story! Where do you see yourself? Can you imagine yourself as one of Pharaoh's loyal brickmakers? Remember, as bad as this situation was for the Jews, they at least had the comfort of knowing where their next meal was coming from. Or perhaps you see your life as a crossing. Maybe you've done some traveling to the other side of how you would like to live your life, different from an oppressive

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Whether you can see yourself in any of these scenarios or somewhere in-between, the question I wonder about is what awaits you once you've journeyed through difficult transitions (like the Red Sea) onto the other side and then you realize you **can not go back** - the water will not part again?

For many, the reality that they literally can not go back home (to the old identity) is terrifying! So much so that they will make all sorts of attempts to re-create that "**being back at home**" feeling. Relationships do this all the time. The idea of creating a new and different identity from the family system version is so scary that we collude with one another by way of arguing and other such behaviors to help us, in effect, feel like we're "back home" by recreating that old feeling.

Over 225 years ago, our country organized its people with a vision, a new version of how life could be different from their oppressive English rule. These people, like the Jews, crossed over a body of water to get to a new land. Despite the geographical distance, they felt the squeeze of an oppressive rule. They got to feel what it felt like to be **as if** they were back in England. The conflict grew. People sought a new identity - a new vision - a new version of living.

Recall your history surrounding the year 1776. Embrace for a moment the courage of that time and the sheer terror of the colonialist, particularly those who signed our Declaration of Independence. They faced the penalty of death itself for their act of treason!

If you take seriously, as did the colonialist and the Jews, this call to live beyond the limitations of an oppressive system, what will become of you?

The complexity of freedom into a new identity.

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Tips From The Safe Kids Coalition At Baystate Medical Center...

How To Avoid The Summertime Safety Blues

Along with more children engaging in outdoor activities during the summer months, comes the increased risk of their being seriously injured or even killed. More unintentional childhood deaths and injuries occur between the summer months of May and August - what emergency room staff call "trauma season" - than any other time of the year.

"No one anticipates that a tragedy will occur during this fun-filled time, but summer is when children are pushing their abilities to the limits," said Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator, Western Mass. Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

"There are simple precautions families can take to make their homes and communities safer for kids during the summer months and year-round," she added.

By putting safety first and following some important guidelines, you can help avoid the summertime blues and spare your family from needless tragedies.

Backyard Basics

*Make sure all fences and gates are secure and fix broken rails or any protruding parts.

*Keep garden and other tools out of children's reach.

*Lock up barbecue grills and gasoline containers.

*If you have a pool or spa, install a four-sided fence that is at least five feet high. The fence should have a self-closing and self-latching gate. Do not use the exterior of the house as one side of the fence.

*Never leave children alone near or in the pool.

*Make sure your child drinks plenty of water to prevent dehydration. Periodically bring children inside for a rest and a drink, especially on hot and humid days.

*Make sure children use sunscreen of SPF 15 or greater, even when it is cloudy.

Getting To Know Your Neighborhood

*Familiarize yourself with neighborhood play areas. Inspect playgrounds for rusted or broken equipment

and dangerous surfaces such as concrete or asphalt.

*Warn children about unacceptable play areas such as garages, construction sites, abandoned buildings, railroad tracks, dumpsters, waterfronts and unsupervised swimming areas.

*Remind children to look left, right, and left again for traffic before and while crossing the street. Teach children to always cross at crosswalks. Children under the age of 10 should never cross the street alone.

Safe And Smart Cycling

Each year, more than 200 children ages 14 and under are killed and more than 350,000 are injured in bicycle accidents. The majority of all bicycle fatalities occur between May and August.

*Purchase an approved bicycle helmet for each child. Insist that they wear the helmet every time they go for a ride. Only purchase helmets that meet or exceed safety standards developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, American National Standards Institute(ANSI), American Society of Testing and Materials(ASTM) or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

*Teach children safe bicycling behaviors. Emphasize the fact that a bicycle is a vehicle, not a toy. More than 80 percent of bicycle-related fatalities are associated with the bicyclist's behavior, including riding into a street without stopping, turning left or swerving into traffic that is coming from behind, running a stop sign, and riding against the flow of traffic.

*Is the child's bicycle working properly? Check to see if reflectors are secure, if the brakes are working properly and if the bicycle stops right away. Also, make sure the gears shift smoothly and tires are secured tightly and properly inflated. Also, check to see if the child can completely grasp the hand brakes.

*Familiarize yourself with the child's bicycling environment and encourage the child to bike in safe areas, such as those with bicycle paths.

Falls

As summer heat rises, so do windows to help circulate cool breezes throughout the house. Curious, unsuspecting children sometimes end up falling out of a window as a result. Contrary to a common myth, window screens are only designed to keep bugs out, not to keep children in. They can easily give way to the weight of a child.

Approximately 70 percent of window fall-related deaths occur during the spring and summer months. Each year, nearly 20 children ages 10 and under die and 4,700 suffer from window-related fall injuries. The Western Mass. Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital recommends the following tips to protect your child from a window fall:

*Unopened windows should be locked at all times.

*Make sure windows are secure by using window guards on all window ground floors and up, except for windows that are designed as emergency fire exits. Windows that are opened only five inches pose a danger to children ages 10 and under.

*Keep furniture, especially beds, away from windows. Children are tempted to climb on furniture to reach windows.

*Keep draperies and window cords out of children's reach. Tie or hang cords at or near the top of window coverings. Cut the cords and retro-fit them with special tassels. Children may be able to use dangling cords to hoist themselves up to a window. Dangling window cords are also a safety hazard because of the danger of strangulation.

"The Safe Kids Coalition urges you to follow these tips on childhood injury prevention to ensure this summer is both a safe and happy one for you and your child," LaRoche said.

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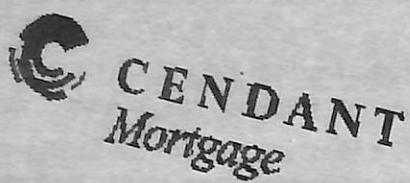
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Hitchcock's "Psycho" Turns 40

I received a request from one of *The AAN*'s loyal readers, Justin Lockwood, to review the "Psycho" series in honor of this landmark film's 40th anniversary. Enjoy, Justin!

* "Psycho": 1960, Rated R.

On June 12, 1960, scare-master Alfred Hitchcock unleashed "Psycho," a film that singlehandedly redefined the horror film genre. Anthony Perkins stars as the title character Norman Bates.

Even if you have never seen this film, you more than likely have heard enough about it over the last 40 years to realize its genuine scare potential. Much of the reason why "Psycho" works so well is due to the underlying eerie tone of the film that Hitchcock subtly created. This type of gruesome mood that the film presents keeps the viewer engrossed as the storyline unfolds.

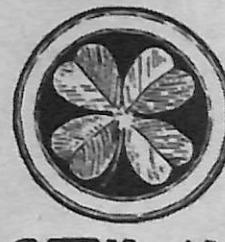
Perkins' portrayal of Norman Bates is also a major element in the film's impact. We see Bates' instability not only through his grotesque acts, but (interestingly) through his body language and mannerisms. This, partnered with Hitchcock's innovative photography sense, creates gripping fear within the viewer even before any crimes occur.

The now-famous shower scene with Janet Leigh serves as the turning point in the film, where the viewer suddenly loses any semblance of security and realizes that Bates truly is a cold-blooded murderer. The subplot involving Bates' obsession with his dead mother reinforces the aforementioned tone of the film during the second half of "Psycho," making his ultimate appearance dressed as his mother quite terrifying.

Hitchcock's direction and obsessive attention to photography are what made this film a classic. Many have tried to copy his format since, but to no avail. There is, and always will be, one "Psycho" - the first film that literally birthed a revolution regarding the horror film genre. One thing is certain; you won't close

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your eyes in the shower anymore! 5 STARS.

* "Psycho II": 1983, Rated R.

I don't recall ever seeing a sequel before that literally takes place 22 years later. Norman Bates is back to normal and is coming home after over two decades of incarceration. Anthony Perkins returns as Bates, as does Vera Miles as Lila, sister of the murdered "shower scene" victim Janet Leigh. As an expression of revenge, Miles' character attempts to block Bates' release from the asylum and subsequently tries to drive him crazy again.

This sequel is actually quite worthy. The storyline sets up many plot surprises that center around a series of yet more murders involving the spooky Bates mansion. The script is clearly the film's strength, along with another fine performance by Perkins.

Also worth noting is the fact that director Richard Franklin opted to follow in Hitchcock's footsteps by not catering to the gore trend that was in full force regarding horror films when this movie was initially released. This allows the film to play as a true horror film and not a ludicrous blood- and gore-exploiting slasher flick.

The finale to "Psycho II" presents the biggest surprise of all; a plot twist that is sure to shock everyone. This type of creative writing is prevalent throughout the film, and the resulting suspense is a tip-of-the-hat to Alfred Hitchcock. In closing, look for some humorous references in "Psycho II" that refer to events from "Psycho." Laugh while you can because prying your fingernails out of your upholstery after this film certainly won't be funny. 4 STARS.

* "Psycho III": 1986, Rated R.

Unfortunately, Norman Bates' duality complex carries over to reality with this film. Anthony Perkins returns again as Bates while serving as director of "Psycho III." Remember what happened when Sylvester Stallone directed a couple of the "Rocky" films while playing the title character? You wound up with a film that seemed too campy regarding the main character. Although this second sequel to "Psycho" isn't a failure, it does pale in comparison to "Psycho" and "Psycho II."

One problem with this film is the oftentimes humorous portrayal of Bates. While a little comic relief is always welcome in horror films, Perkins seems to poke fun at the character that he plays. This drastically reduces the suspense in the film, and the result is very similar to a standard slasher movie.

The production value of the film is acceptable and gives "Psycho III" some memorable moments. Although the impact felt in the first two installments is sadly missed, these memorable moments make the film worth seeing.

I hesitate to recommend this film alone, but watching it as part of the series will definitely make it more enjoyable. Just keep in mind that Norman doesn't seem to fit in his mother's clothes anymore! 2 STARS.

* "Psycho IV - The Beginning": 1990, Rated R.

Well, I must have been right about "Psycho III" and

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its lackluster impact because this final installment never made it to theaters and was a direct-to-cable release.

"Psycho IV - The Beginning" actually does display an improvement over the previous sequel. Norman Bates is now married and calls into a radio station talk show. Over the course of the film, he relives old, painful memories about his mother (played by Olivia Hussey) with the radio show host.

Original "Psycho" screenwriter Joseph Stefano returns to script this film. Part of the reason why this film works is because it is a dynamic departure from the formula that the previous installment used. It merely serves as insight as to what exactly happened to Bates as a young boy (played by "E.T." star Henry Thomas) to make him the looney he becomes as a young man.

Perkins' effective portrayal of Bates in this film has also improved from "Psycho III." We even see the wel-

come return of the physical acting ability of Perkins that worked so well in the first two films of the series.

Although this film's refreshing approach to the storyline proves to be successful, it's high time that Norman Bates and his mother retire into movie history. 3 STARS.

(WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT: There was recently a remake of the original "Psycho" that I have not yet screened. Look for it in a future edition of "PISANO'S PICKS." This film, however, is not to be confused with those discussed in this article.)

* "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS - Extraordinary; 4 STARS - Excellent; 3 STARS - Good; 2 STARS - Average; 1 STAR - Watchable; 0 STARS - Avoid.

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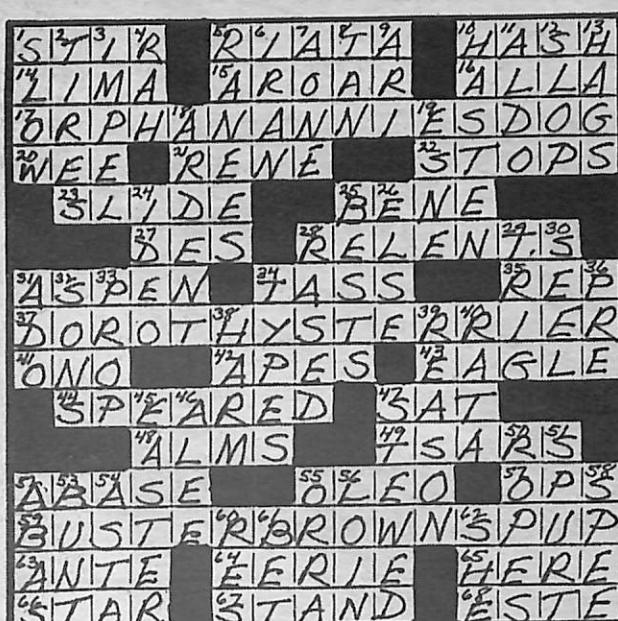
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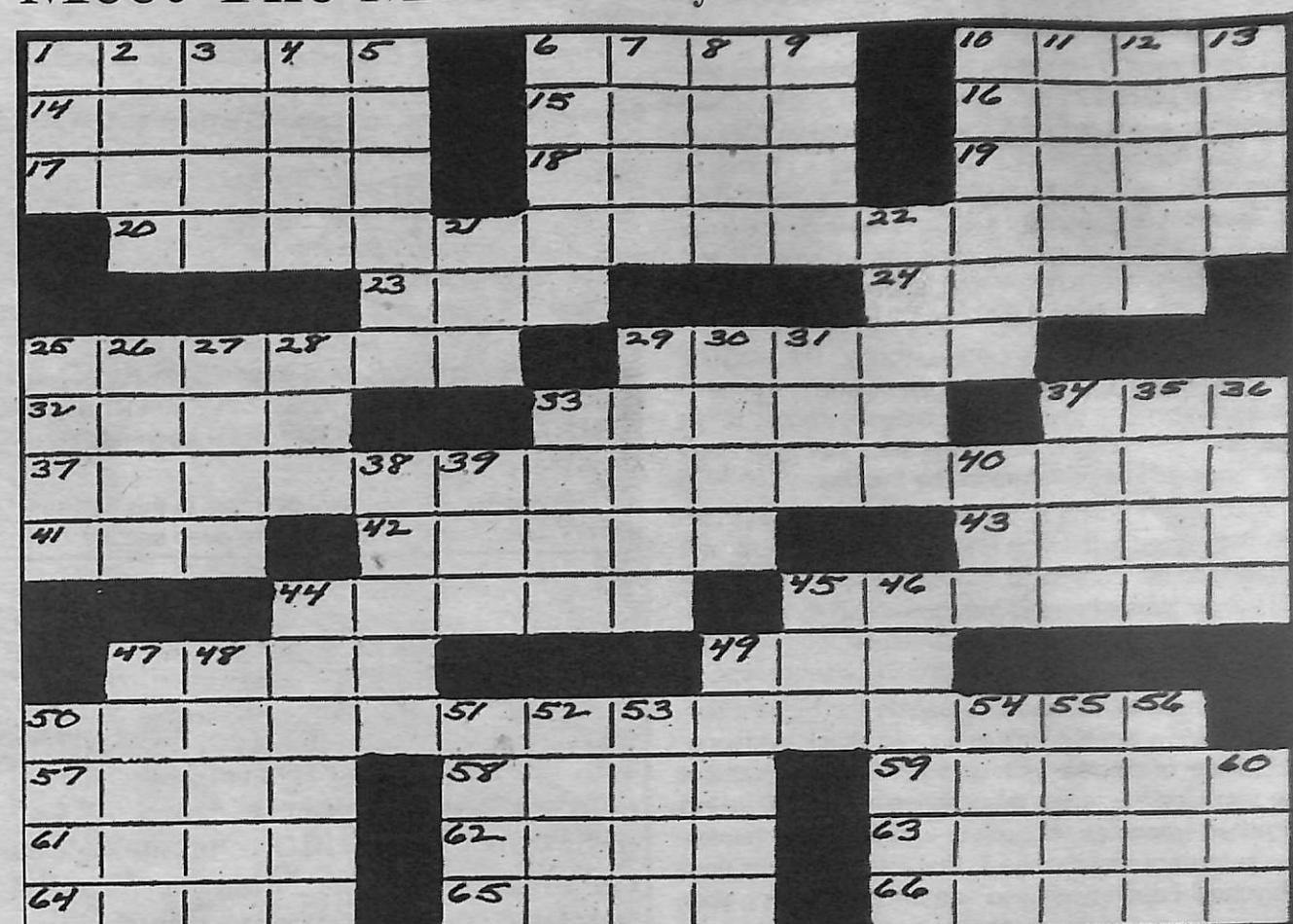


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Romeo's words

Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



Expo's Irish Feis And Festival To Be Held July 9

Irish eyes will be smiling on Eastern States Exposition as it presents its First Annual Irish Feis and Festival, Sunday, July 9, from 8:30a.m. to 6:00p.m. with 500 Irish step dancers, music and Irish products.

A Catholic Mass begins at 8:30a.m. and is followed by Competitive Dancing in a North American Feis Commission-sanctioned event beginning at 9:15a.m. Entertainment will take place in the Guinness Tent throughout the day.

At 1:30p.m., The Bards, Barney McElhone and Jimmy McArdle, present their repertoire of Irish folk songs, ballads, rebel songs and a few American country hits. The duo has been performing Irish folk music since their first album, *Definitely Irish Folk*, was recorded in 1967. They play instruments including the banjo, mandolin, acoustic and electric guitar, whistle, fiddle and concertina.

Tickets to the Eastern States Exposition's First

Annual Irish Feis and Festival are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 6-12. Adult advance discount tickets are available for \$7 through 5p.m. on Friday, July 7 at the Eastern States Exposition Box Office in the Coliseum or by calling 413-787-0244 or 800-334-2443.

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Exposition at 413-787-0244.

High School Rock Bands Wanted For "Battle Of The Bands"

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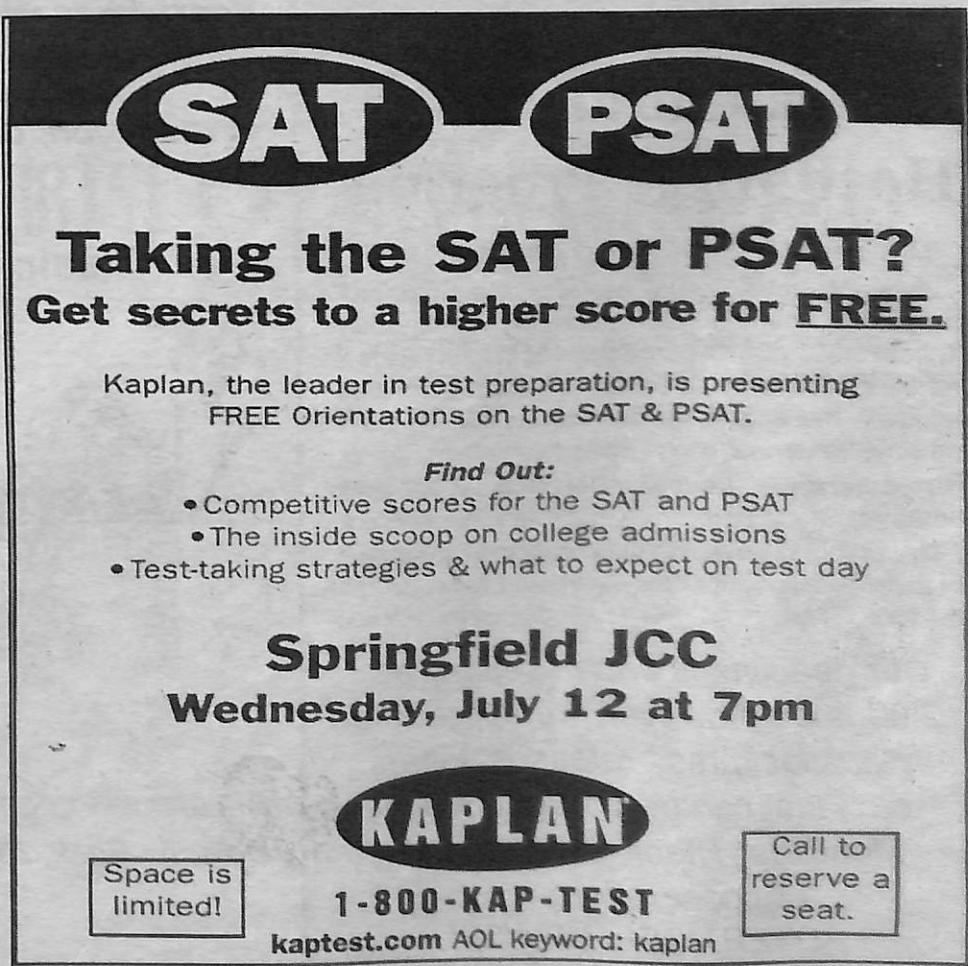
Attention all high school rock & roll bands! The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a Monster Jam Battle of the Bands on Saturday, July 29th, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School football stadium. (The rain date will be Saturday, August 5th.)

- A maximum of 10 bands will be chosen to showcase their talents and compete for prizes. The first-place band will receive \$100 in cash, a \$100 gift certificate to LaSalle Music, and three hours' recording time at The Warehouse. The second-place prizes are \$50 in cash and a \$50 gift certificate to LaSalle Music, and the third-place prizes are \$25 cash and a \$25 gift certificate to LaSalle Music.

In order to participate, bands must submit an official entry form and a 15-minute demo tape, along with a non-refundable \$25 entry fee (make checks payable to "Town of Agawam"). Tapes will be judged on their content (not the quality of the recording), and no band member may be older than 19 years of age.

Any band interested in playing at this event is encouraged to pick up an entry form at the Agawam Recreation Office, 760 Cooper Street, or at LaSalle Music, 326 Walnut Street, Agawam. All proceeds from this event are going towards the building of a new skateboard park in the Town of Agawam. Please contact Chris Sparks Director of Parks & Recreation, at (413) 821-0514 for more information.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you.





Ag. Junior High Awards Assembly (June 16th)

Principal's Award: Elizabeth Couture.

Art Department -

"The Karen Buffington DelPeschio Memorial Award": Michelle Figella.

Excellence In Art: Grade 8 - Amanda Bruno, Jennifer DePelteau; Grade 7 - Matthew Campana, Sophia Nasti.

Physical Education Awards -

Physical Education Students Of The Year: Grade 8 - Alex Seymour, Brianne Nicklaw; Grade 7 - Kevin Malloch, Gina Graziano.

Physical Fitness Students: Grade 8 - Steve Messier, Peter Midura, Alicia Malloy; Grade 7 - Peter Stellato, Nicole Struck.

Writers' Club Recognition Awards: Ashley Richards, Marc Pereira, Katelyn LaValley, Andy Menard, Keehan Close, Laura Jutte, Jessica Santucci, Alison Stanton, Chris Perry, Alexandra Ivey, Vanessa Tencati, Angela Velosky, Amy Hendrikson, Mike Landry, Brittany Taylor, Noelle Sarafino, Kristen Ott, Christopher Pass, David Duplessis, Caroline Elkins, Talia Scalise, Peter Midura, Katie Knodler, Sara Skolnick, Mark LeClair, Catherine Andrews, Katherine Bitzas, Katherine Bousquet, Amy Osgood, James Franco, Malerie Gardner, Justin Elder, Thomas Hearn, Brian Athas.

Peer Mediators Awards: Julia Weisgerber, Katie Gorman, Jacklyn O'Neil, Mary Gottardi, Erin Milillo, Erin Sullivan, Daniel Glantz, Caroline Elkins, Jessica Tully, Erin Gormley, Brianne Nicklaw, Andrew Oleksak, Kassie Santinello, Sara Dorans, Tom Gorman, Elizabeth Mundo, Brittany Taylor, Alicia Linder, David Duplessis, Stephanie Aversa.

Yearbook Awards: Grade 8 - Alissa Tully (editor), Jessica Tully (editor), Chris Nyman, Kyle Henry, Amanda Hamel, Kelly Borkosky, Angela Story, Amy Proulx, Erin Gormley, Ashley Macey, Erin Richardson, Jenn DePelteau, Michael Weinle; Grade 7 - Robert Morgan, Andrew Jensen, Noelle Sarafino, Jessica Pokora, Emily Gordon, Lauren Peltier, Michelle Cadieux.

Community Service Awards: Erin Sullivan, Mandy Reed, Sara Dorans, Marque Tortoriello, Ashley Paulo, Anthony Verteramo, Jessica Farmer, Brian Roberts, Annie Rogers, Meredith Goldbach, Jeff Chapman, Jenn Castle, Corinne Cardin, Ami Sullivan, Joe McCarthy, Victoria Littlefield, Malerie Gardner, Oksana Grebinnik, Angela Dzhenzherukha.

Music Awards: Jennifer Bittner, Holly Stano, Emily Sussman, Joe Marsh, Steve Smith, Rachel Mason, Myles Norman, Amy Osgood, Julie Wills, Kristin Bushey, Sara Dorans, Alisha Faniel, Gina Graziano, Kyle Henry, Sarah Landry, Liz Mundo, Matt Reed, Karissa Rogers, Gina Ruscio, Kristie Russo, Sheean Beattie, Elizabeth Harnois.

"English As A Second Language" Awards -

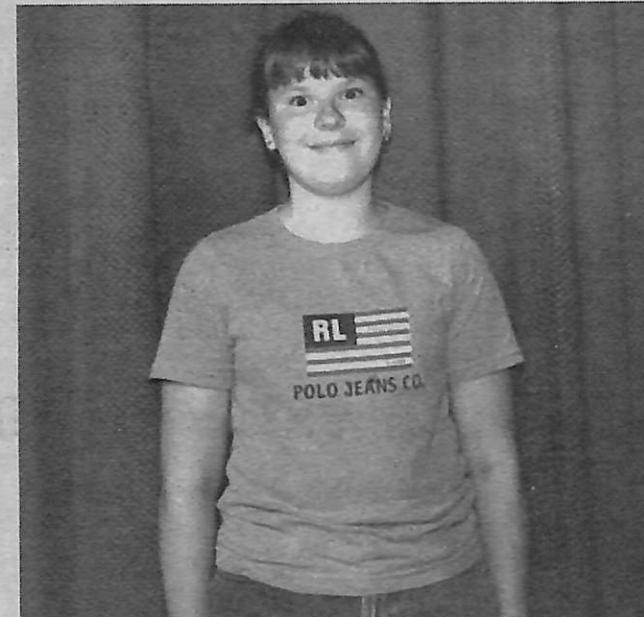
Outstanding ESL Student: Lenoid Makarov.

Most Improved ESL Student: Grade 7 - Venu Petel; Grade 8 - Verunda Petel.

Accelerated Reader Certificates: William Bertrand, Stacy Boisvert, Kevin Clark, Leah Cook, Kelly Follis, Joseph Fortunato, Courtney Garrett, Bethany Garvin, Caitlin Geaughan, Jaclyn Geaughan, Danielle Glantz, Meredith Golbach, Emily Gordon, Karyn Gottardi, Mary Lou Gottardi, Zoryana Grebinnik, Kristan Heaton, Daniel Higgins, Alexandra Ivey, Nicholas Jacks, Sonja Jedziniak, Sean Kelley, Stephanie Klebes, Benjamin Kochanowski, Susan Krapf, Benjamin Krolocki, Kristen LaLiberte, Michael Landry, Nathan Little, Bryan Lane, Jacquelyn Lear, James Lewin, Jenelle Masotti, Christopher McKenney, Ryan McLane, Andrew Moriarty, Sophia Nasti, Kaylie Paquette, Kirsten Patrick, Ryan Pellerin,



THE JUNIOR HIGH PTO made a donation to the Agawam Parks & Recreation Dept. during the eighth grade ceremonies at Agawam Junior High. From left: Kevin Littlefield, Jr. High principal; Debbie Struck, PTO co-president; Paula Figella, PTO secretary; Christopher Sparks, Parks & Recreation director; Mayor Richard A. Cohen; John Burns, Jr. High faculty member; and Daniel Keenan, state representative. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



AT THE JUNIOR HIGH'S EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS ceremonies, Kiara O'Brien was the recipient of a \$50 savings bond. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Julie Ouimet began the program by singing the National Anthem. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Area Students Honored At MacDuffie Ceremonies

At graduation ceremonies the weekend of June 3-4 at the MacDuffie School in Springfield, several Agawam area students were recognized for their academic and extracurricular achievements. Among the graduates was **Mike Ratkiewicz** of Agawam; Mike plans to attend Clark University in the fall. Named to the Maximum Honor Roll for earning all A's, junior **Stefanie Goyette** was one of three juniors inducted into Cum Laude, a national high school honorary society based on Phi Beta Kappa to recognize outstanding academic performance. In addition, Stefanie was awarded the Xerox prize for excellence in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and she was commended for placing 10th nationally and 2nd in Western MA on the Level 4 Concours de Francais national French exam and for placing 6th in

Massachusetts in the Spanish IV national exam. Junior **Melody Serafino** earned a spot on the High Honor Roll for maintaining an average of B+ or above for the year, and she received the Smith College Book Award for academic excellence and contributions to the school community. Melody was also recognized for placing 9th in Western Massachusetts on the Level 4 French exam. Stefanie lives in Feeding Hills and Melody lives in Agawam.

Sophomores **Emilie Tami**, **Jennifer Dobise**, and **Nicole DeCaesar** were also named to Honor Rolls. With B+ averages for the year, Emilie and Jenn both earned positions on the High Honor Roll, and Nicole was named to the Honor Roll for earning a B average for the year. In addition, Emilie earned a Magna Cum

Laude citation for her performance on the Latin II national exam. Sophomore **Luke Dempsey** received an award for excellent improvement in study skills. Emily and Jenn live in Feeding Hills, and Nicole and Luke are from Agawam.

Freshman **Jeffrey Woodard** of Feeding Hills was recognized for placing 8th in Western Massachusetts on the Level 2 national French exam. Eighth graders recognized for excellence included **Kathleen Ratkiewicz**, who received an award for her athletic excellence, and **Rebecca Dempsey**, who received the Pugh scholarship for her contributions to the school community. Rebecca also shared the Bray Award for school citizenship and concern for others with sixth grader **Doug Dreyer**, also from Agawam.

Area Students Attain Dean's List At HCC

David Entin, Holyoke Community College's Vice-President for Academic Affairs, has announced the names of area students who attained the Dean's List for the 2000 spring semester. Full-time and part-time students named to the Dean's List have achieved at least a 3.2 grade point average.

* From Agawam:

Morgan Allen, Michael P. Daigneau, Alan L. Dean, Christine A. Elias, Nicole A. Gagliardi, Brenda L. Hadden, Christopher M. Hearn, Theresa E. Hourihan, Leslee J. Landry, Kerri Leary, Shavone L. Mackay, Jacqueline R. Nareau-Toti, Stephanie M. Prout, Dawn E. Stoddard, Angela R. Tassinari.

* From Feeding Hills:

Shawn David Anderson, Nicole Ann Bossig, Jennifer E. Chagnon, Peter Christopher, Heather Cincotta, Robert A. Desilets, Jr., Ann Marie Dimauro, Scott Foster, Doris J. Gobeille, Susan M. Gross, Joslyn J. Luginbuhl, Jill Christine Maslowski, Jennifer L. Niedziela, Kristin A. Pisano, Sarah E. Platanitis, Philip M. Silva, Maryann J. Spring, Joyce-Ann K.C. Tedone, Mark A. Weiner, Sean E. Woodard, Tracy J. Teague.

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Kevin Pender, Kristen Pfau, Jessica Phillips, Jessica Pokora, Meagan Pokorny, Sarah Rollins; **Noelle Serafino**, Alex Shibley, Kate Shtefan, Fedor Skovorodin, Jamie Spear, Vanessa Tencati, Michael Toto, Erica Troy, Jeffrey Walker, Matthew Weir, Alyssa Zmaczynski.

English Award - Outstanding Student: Elizabeth Loughman.

Mathematics Award: Alissa Tully, Sara Dorans.

Social Studies Awards -

"Richard Barry Memorial Award": Grade 8 - Eva Udobina.

"Jean Stein Book Award": Grade 7 - Kristan Heaton.

"National Geography Bee" Winner: Roger Sircar.

Christopher Kinsella Science Award: Sara Dorans.

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Jr. High 8th-Graders Revel At Annual Dance



ON THE BEACH OF OAHU or at the eighth-grade year-end dance at the Agawam Junior High? Go ask Allisa Tully (left) or Sarabeth Caplette. IN CENTER PHOTO: Michael Weinle was practicing for a future trip to Maui at the Agawam Junior High's eighth-grade year-end dance. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Mike Davis, Kyle Lafontaine, and Jeffrey Nielson were on their way in to the annual eighth-grade year-end dance at the Agawam Junior High.



THE YEAR-END DANCE for eighth-graders at the Agawam Jr. High had a Hawaiian theme this year. Some of the eighth-graders having a good time were (from left) Jessica Lemieux, Katherine Bitzas, Jessica Vermette, and Rachel Vermette.

Sign Language Camp To Be Held Aug. 7-11

A "Sign Language For Beginners" Camp will be held from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., August 7th-11th, 127 James St., Feeding Hills. Lessons will be taught by Susan Michalak (references available) at a cost of \$44 per student (materials included).

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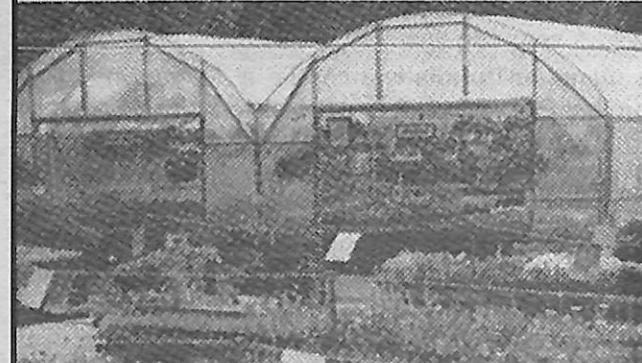
IN LEFT PHOTO: Junior High Principal Kevin Littlefield and some of his staff at the eighth grade's year-end dance.

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Students In AHS Pottery Class Honored

The Agawam High School Pottery Class Of The Month has been announced by Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal. Last of the school year but by no means the least, they have used creative design, displayed good workmanship, followed directions, used the correct preparation of materials and had good conduct. The class was made up of five boys and seventeen girls the nucleus being mainly Juniors.

Seniors

Kaitlin White, whose father is on the high school staff, has been a very energetic young lady. She plays soccer and tennis on the school teams, is a member of the Math Club, the Future Teachers Club and is the entertainment editor of the school newspaper The Mirror. After school she is a teacher's assistant at Phelps School in their after school program. She has a brother, Andrew, who is ten. Kaitlin will attend Endicott College in the fall and major in elementary education. She will miss her dog Toby and hanging out with her present friends.

Melissa Branton has two brothers, Nicholas, 3, and Jared, 13. They share a cat named Cote. She likes honest people and those who do not gossip. She avoids those who are dishonest and two-faced.

Juniors

Melinda Russo is co-captain of the high school Color Guard and takes part in Peer Leadership. Her outside activities include basketball, kickboxing, running down Southwick Street for exercise and attending aerobic class at Fitness First. This summer she can be seen taking memorable photos at Keyhole Photos at Six Flags New England. She enjoys blowing bubbles, the beach and dating. She dislikes conceited people and those who smoke. Melinda has two sisters, Kristie, 15, and Danielle, 11. They share their abode with Toby the dog who is a Samoya and Cuddles the Calico cat.

Isidro Aguinaga is number 79 on the football team and also runs track. In his spare time he enjoys being a snowboarding instructor at Otis Ridge. Weight lifting and riding a dirt bike are also on his agenda. He is employed as a cook at the Russell Inn. Isidro has two dogs, a toy poodle named Gizmo and a Brittany Spaniel, Friskus. The cat's name is Radisson. His sister Christy is 22 and a Westfield State College student studying elementary education. Isidro would like to be a physical education teacher. He hopes to attend Bridgewater State on a football scholarship. He also enjoys spending time with his friends.

Jennifer Dubois is a cashier at Ames. She has a brother Phil who is 12 and two sisters, Jessica, 8, and Emily, 17. She would like to be a cosmetologist and also work with foster children. Jenn has two dogs, RB and Morgan. She likes partying and dislikes school.

Westley Scott has played varsity soccer and volleyball. He presently works at the Agawam Country Club and the Springfield Country Club, driving tractors to pick up golf balls on their driving ranges. He likes listening to music, and watching television sports.

Cara DiVirgilio works as a games attendant at Six Flags New England. Her pet's name is Jake and he is a yellow lab. She enjoys playing various sports. Her older brother Joe is 18 and a graduating senior. Her younger brother Chris is a sixth grade student at the Middle School. She enjoys using computers. She hopes her future includes working with children. Cara was absent when the photo was taken.

Stephen Buchachiy came from Moldavia approximately fourteen months ago. He enjoys the companionship of the internet and likes washing the family cars. He has a 24 year-old brother, Vlalemic. His sisters are Ivadya, 30, Galina, 26 and Alisya, 22. They are all here in the States. Stephen would like to be a sanitation engineer. He dislikes homework because of the language barrier.

Kristina Stratos enjoys riding her Quarter horse Bud who has won several first place prizes. He boards in Suffield, CT. She also has a dog named Sandy. Kristina enjoys shopping at the mall and going to the beach in the summer. She strongly dislikes spiders. She is undecided as to what course to pursue after graduation.

Dan Boissonneault is on the high school baseball team. He enjoys listening to music, especially Eminem and Weezer, rock climbing, and playing golf in his spare time. This summer he will be a lifeguard

at Six Flags New England and will take the part of a Doctor on Brutal Planet. He would like to be a psychologist. Dan has two sisters, Melissa, 20, and at six

two dogs and a gerbil who are part of the family. Bruce is a lifeguard at Six Flags New England who dislikes people who lack common sense.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE SOME OF THE pottery students of Agawam High School Art teacher Geraldine Schilling-Nordal.

at Six Flags New England and will take the part of a doctor on Brutal Planet. He would like to be a psychologist. Dan has two sisters; Melissa, 20, and Debra, 19, and both attend Elms College. His tabby cat's name is Kitty. He likes to watch midget wrestling and dislikes people who overeat.

Cassandra Armata works as a cashier at Ames and dislikes school. She has three German Shepards, Monstro, Shane, and Kalani and three cats, Nanook, French Fry and Junior. Her brother Nicholas is 19 and a member of this year's graduating class. She has two horses, Boston and Bear, boarded in East Granby.

Ann Shibley has been a member of this year's cheerleading squad and runs track. Outside of school, she enjoys gymnastics. She does set-ups at Chez Josef, her specialty being napkin folding. Misty is her pet cat. Ann has three brothers, Edward, 21, Thomas, 19, and Alex, 13. She would like to be an elementary school teacher.

Bruce Linder likes to play golf. In his spare time he restores cars and would like to make this his profession when he graduates. He has a brother Russell, 6, and a sister Alicia, 14. They help care for the two cats,

Heather Ferguson is a member of the Future Teachers Club and cheerleads. She enjoys doing gymnastics outside of school and is a CCD helper at St. John The Evangelist Church. Heather works as a cashier at Brooks Pharmacy. Her dog Emmett is a Rottweiler. Her brother Mark is 7. Heather is an aunt to her sister (27) Lynn's daughter and her sister (23) Jenn's son.

Nicole Gregore enjoys shopping, rollerblading, listening to music and being with friends. She has a fish called Oscarr. Her brother Allen is 11 and Stephen is 15. She has sisters, Erica, who is 14 and Aimee who is 12. Erica and Allen attend school in Florida. She is unsure of her future plans.

Sophomores

Elizabeth Dowd plays field hockey. She enjoys talking on the phone and on AOL. She is a lifeguard at Six Flags New England. Erica who is seventeen and a junior is her twin. Elizabeth has a cat Moolee and they both dislike snakes. She likes hanging out at the mall with her friends.

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GRADE EIGHT

Alexander Alvanos, Adam Astle, Brian Athas, Rita

Jason DeGray Graduates From Boston University

Jason DeGray graduated this spring from Boston University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is the son of John and Linda DeGray of South Street and is a 1996 graduate of AHS. He was granted a fellowship at UMASS Amherst and will be pursuing his graduate degree in the field of transportation engineering and working as a research assistant while there.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

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Locals Named To Spring Dean's List At AIC

A total of 270 students - including Agawam area pupils - were named to the spring 2000 semester Dean's List at American International College in Springfield. Students who qualified for the Dean's List are full-time undergraduate students with a grade point average of at least 3.3 out of 4.0 points.

* From Agawam:

Susan Natale, daughter of Michael Natale, a senior marketing major.

* From Feeding Hills:

Lori O'Dea, daughter of Sandra & Paul O'Dea, a senior physical therapy/human biology major; Melissa Weinle, daughter of Phyllis & John Weinle, a senior criminal justice major.

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POTTERY CLASS - from Page 36

Rachael Caruso is on the track and cross country teams in school. She works for her lawyer father filing and sets up tables at Chez Josef. She has six cats, Rugger, Pepper, Frisky, Midnight, Moe and Strips. Goldie is her dog. Rachael likes their companionship since she is an only child. When she graduates she wants to become a veterinarian.

Nicole Conti, the niece of the Dean of Students, runs track and plays field hockey. She has two dogs, Rusty who is a Lab and Lady who is a mutt. Her sisters are Andrea, 15, and Karla, 9. Nicole likes working with children and would like to be employed at a summer camp this school vacation. She dislikes people who are rude and likes those who show respect for all ages.

Freshman

Laura Bovat is number 2 on the freshman softball team. She enjoys Six Flags New England, going to the movies and swimming. She dislikes soccer and lacrosse and several of the subjects she is currently taking in school. Laura has a sister Lynn, 12.

Anna Kiforishina arrived eight years ago from Moldavia. She plays tennis. Her brother Jacob is 10. Anna eventually wants a career in fashion design and is interested in the history of the industry. She likes volleyball, enjoys art and pottery, but dislikes her English class.

Samantha Waite is number 3 on the freshman softball team. She owns a Chinese Sharpei named Scruncher. Her brother Vinnie is 11. Samantha likes drawing and Jelly Bellies - not necessarily in that order. Her dislikes are soccer and smoking.

Our last honoree is Nicki Gessay who is number 10 on the freshman softball team. She has a two year-old turtle named Jimmy as a pet. Her sister Gina is 12 and is attending the Agawam Junior High School. Nicki hopes college is in her future. At the present time she likes basketball and going to the movies.

Patricia Zerra Achieves Dean's High Honors At CT College

Patricia Zerra of Feeding Hills achieved Dean's High Honors for the 2000 spring semester at Connecticut College in New London.

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Agawam Students Visit New York City

Have you recently purchased any Hebert chocolate bars from Agawam junior and senior high students? If so, thank you. Those students raised over \$16,000 to attend a three day excursion to New York City. From February through May, they diligently sold enough bars to fund this trip.

The visited the American Museum of Natural History, where they saw the renovated and reopened Hayden Planetarium. They viewed the area from atop the World Trade Center and climbed the Statue of Liberty. The weather was perfect that day. They went to the Liberty Science Center in Liberty State Park, New Jersey. There they experienced virtual roller coaster rides, rode bicycles in vertical circles, and

played virtual ping-pong. They also saw the IMAX theater production, "To the Limits."

The students stayed at the Ramada Inn in Clifton, New Jersey. They enjoyed their evenings in the swimming pool. They had Chinese/Polynesian/Hawaiian food for dinner, and tried other international cuisine for lunch. Altogether, 30 students attended, accompanied by 6 chaperones. The chaperones were Sue Mutti, Jen Dorval, Sheila Spear, Peggy Gorman, Karen Shugrue and Scarlett Fischer. The trip was a success, bringing immigrant students together with American students. Many new friendships were made and they all learned more about each other. Next year's trip is already in the planning stage.

Feeding Hills Residents Graduate From AIC

The following students from Feeding Hills recently received their degrees at American International College's 115th commencement ceremony held at the Springfield Civic Center:

Cynthia F. Campana, master of education in elementary education; Janet M. Caruso, certificate of advanced graduate studies in psychology; Jodi E. Metz, master of science in accounting and taxation; Anne M. Mineo, master of education in special education; Peter P. Petell, bachelor of arts in English; and Karen Stanton, master of education in special education.

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MELISSA LAFLAMME

Melissa Laflamme Receives Degree From Quinnipiac

Last month, Melissa Laflamme graduated from Quinnipiac College in Hamden, CT. She graduated Magna Cum Laude, earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy.

While at Quinnipiac, Melissa served as the President of Pi Theta Epsilon, the Occupational Therapy Honors Society. She was also an active member of the Student Occupational Therapy Association.

Currently Melissa is completing fieldwork study at Monson Developmental Center and Western Massachusetts Hospital.

In the fall, Melissa will be working at Hand Therapy Associates in New Haven, CT.

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Christian DeBonville Graduates From Syracuse University

Christian DeBonville, son of John & Cathy DeBonville of Feeding Hills, recently graduated from the S.I. Newhouse School of Communications of Syracuse University.

He has accepted a position as media coordinator at Modem Media in Norwalk, Connecticut, and will live in Stamford, Connecticut.

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Sports

Municipal Golf Course Honors Chris Johnson

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

The Agawam Municipal Golf Course offers a breathtaking view of the Pioneer Valley, with a skyline encompassing mountains and contours of panoramic majesty. If it had not been for Christopher Johnson, former mayor of Agawam, who bought this beautiful piece of property at auction for the Town of Agawam in 1993, there probably would be no lovely golf course at this site.

Due to Johnson's long-range vision, Agawam Country Club became Agawam Municipal Golf Course, and the place is thriving. To honor Johnson for his vision, the driveway leading from Southwick Street up to the clubhouse has been designated "Christopher C. Johnson Drive."

On June 22nd, Mayor Richard Cohen, Town Councilor George Bitzas, Agawam's PGA professional Ron Dunn, members of the Agawam Golf Commission, municipal employees, friends, and family convened at the entrance to the Municipal Golf Course to watch Johnson receive his own copy of the sign which now hangs under the golf course entrance.

The sign will serve as a remembrance that the property, once privately owned, has remained pristine, verdant, and very playable. Golf is becoming one of the most popular games in the country. Friendships form on the links, the game itself is great exercise for people of all ages, and tournaments have become a highly successful means of fundraising.

Speaking of tournaments, Johnson can often be found on the winning team. The Agawam Senior Center held a fundraiser at Agawam recently, and he was part of the foursome taking first place. He plays in



LOOKING OVER THE PRO SHOP at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course are Jeff Eades and Sam Demichele. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

other groups, for fundraising or just for fun. "Buying the golf course stands out in my mind as a high point for me as mayor," he told us.

Ron Dunn has been the PGA pro at Agawam for seven years. According to him, the front nine holes were there since the 1920's and the back nine date to sometime in the 1950's. The property covers about 107 acres.

Some exciting news for Agawam comes in another form: "For the first time, on July 25th of this year, our course will be the site of an 18-hole qualifier for the 2000 Massachusetts Golf Association Public Links Tournament. We are capable now of doing this, whereas in the past we never were," Dunn says.

Since the town purchased the course at Johnson's behest, the course has been accommodated with a new, state-of-the-art, computerized irrigation system and over 100 trees have been planted. Markers at every hole were donated by various area businesses, and the process of paving cart paths has been ongo-

ing.

The number of actual rounds played at Agawam Municipal Golf course has gone from 30,000 to 45,000 since the town assumed ownership. New golf carts will be purchased once all cart paths are completed, and an architect will design an upstairs restaurant and bar in the near future. "We hope to accommodate close to 100 people," Dunn said. "There will be an extensive menu, and we want to cater to golfers as well as to people who do not necessarily play golf."

There is a Ladies' 9-hole group which plays on Mondays at 8:00a.m., and a Men's Association goes out both weekend days at 8:00a.m. "We have about 18 leagues starting between 4:00 and 5:00p.m. on set days from Mondays through Fridays, so we prefer that players make tee times three days in advance. We are very busy, but if a person comes up alone, they can usually be worked in."

"Mondays are the slowest days, but golf has gotten

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AT THE FIRST TEE of the Agawam Municipal Golf Course are club pro Ron Dunn (left) and Agawam Golf Commission member Pete Maynard. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

GOLF COURSE - from Page 40

so popular, it's almost always busy now," Dunn said. "Our goal has always been to make this course more of a family place, and the new, upstairs restaurant will be geared to that goal."

Agawam Municipal Golf Course hosts between 75 and 80 tournaments a year. The Lisa Zeigert Tournament raises funds for the scholarship fund, Berkshire Power donates its tournament funds to the Agawam Schools' athletics, and that's just naming a few.

"The condition of the course is real good, comparable to most any in this area. Golf nationally is going out of sight. We are well below the national average for golf course costs. We are one of the most affordable courses in the area. For example, \$6 for kids 17 and under all times except Saturday and Sunday before 1:00p.m. After 1:00, it's \$6 again even on those days," he noted.

Dunn listed some events and prices. "Every Thursday in the summer we have a kids' tournament with a \$1 entry fee and greens fees. Prizes are gift certificates. Regular rates are very reasonable, \$26 on a weekend covers the cart and greens fees, and at noon the price drops to \$21. During the week, a player can ride for \$20 and \$17 after noon," Dunn added.

The Municipal Golf Commission includes Dean Godek (President) and members Vic Carra, Gary Shannon, Michael Day, and Peter Maynard. The golf staff consists of Jeff Eades, Tom Frasco, Sam Demichele, Joe Munley, and Tom Carpenter. The maintenance team boasts Dan Shay, Jay Harvey, Dan DeGray, Mike Pessolano, and Al Brown.

Fire Chief David Pisano has been playing at the course in the Town Employees' League for several years and told us, "The course is in great shape. It's come a long way. The greens are in great condition. The course is aesthetically pleasing and it's a safe, friendly place to visit."

Another player, Pete Hoffman of Century 21 A-1 Hoffman West Springfield Realty said, "We've been playing since it was pretty bad here, but about four years ago, the course really began to improve, and now it's one of the best courses in the area."

It is a place where dreams come true through fundraising efforts and a healthy way to gather with friends to enjoy nature and recreation. The sign designating the road as "Christopher C. Johnson Drive" will honor forever the person who became chief advocate for the property and made it possible for Agawam Municipal Golf Course to come into its own.

Basketball World Camps Coming To Suffield

Basketball World will conduct basketball day camps at Suffield Academy, August 7th-11 and at Suffield Conference Center, August 14th-18th.

The day camps, which are for boys and girls ages seven through 17, are under the direction of Toronto Raptors' Advance Pro Scout Paul Wissel and Detroit Pistons' Assistant Coach Scott Wissel. Special Guest Instructor at the camps will be New Jersey Nets' Assistant Coach Hal Wissel.

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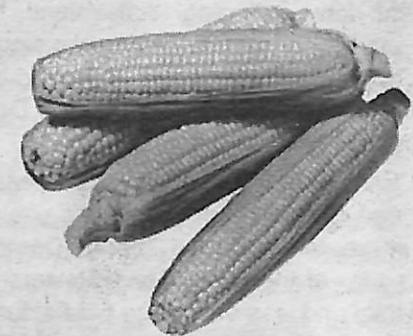
to become better."

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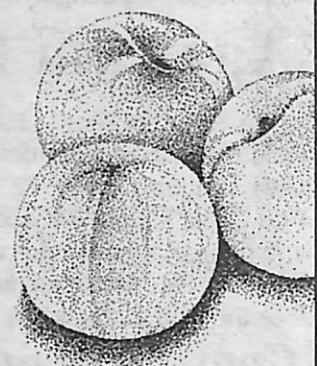
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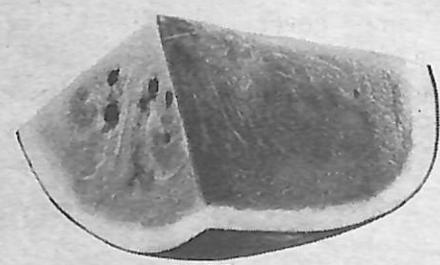
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Little League Playoffs...

Agawam Bows To Northampton, 6-4

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

On Wednesday afternoon, July 5th, Agawam Little League lost 6-4 to visiting Northampton in a first-round game of the double-elimination District II junior tournament.

The young locals sent Nick Pokora to the hill. Pokora got into first-inning trouble, loading the bases before loading up on his fastball for a strikeout and a ground-out to get out of the jam. Northampton had a southpaw pitching for them - Tim Gleason. The sidewinder also caught some grief in the first, loading them up before a dust-off got him out of a bases-loaded deal.

Northampton got two in the second, both unearned, on a two-out error with men on second and third. Agawam answered in a big way in its half of the frame. Brendan Ennis got drilled and took first. Matt Zordani went down swinging. Jim Valenti, hitting out of the number nine hole, drilled a solid single up the middle, sending Ennis to second. A passed ball saw both runners advance. Catcher Kevin Danie punched a Gleason offering to third.

Ennis was off at the crack of the bat and slid home ahead of the ball on a fielder's choice for Agawam's first run. Valenti stood at third. Danie took second on the play at the plate. Steve Powers then rapped one to third and was out on the 5-3 fielder's choice. Valenti took advantage, coming home for the host's second run.

With Danie on third, Nate Rheault hit another ball to third and Noah Hoose, who was having a tough inning at the hot corner, booted this one and Danie scored an unearned run. A Pokora double to deep left-center saw Agawam runners at second and third and a chance for more scores. But Gleason managed a strikeout to end things.

Agawam L.L. All-Stars Defeat Southampton In First Round Play

On Saturday July 1, 2000 in Agawam the Agawam Little League All-stars defeated Southampton 14-0 in Little League District #2 Tournament play. Manager Rob Danie started his Ace Zack Bussiere who turned in a gem of a performance pitching a complete game NO HITTER, while fanning six. The Agawam team took the lead in the first and never looked back. Kevin

Conte, Rheault Again To Have Baseball Camp

The Coaches Camp will once again be running its Baseball Clinic at Sacred Heart Church. The dates and times of the clinic are July 17th-20th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. every day.

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Agawam was up 3-2, but only for an eye-blink. Northampton catcher Tony Cooper belted a lead-off homer to right-center to tie it at three in the top of the third. Pokora managed a ground-out before he lost his stuff. Three straight walks got him the hook. Steve Powers came on. Powers got pinch-hitter Ryan Kiely to slap a ball to first where John Leydon made a nice play, throwing home to get the lead runner on the force. There were now two outs with the bases still full.

A walk brought in another Northampton run. Another nice play by Leydon on a ground ball forced the third out at second. Agawam, down 4-3, failed to score in its half of the third.

The next two innings were scoreless. But Agawam had two great chances to take back the lead. The first came in the fourth. They had the bases loaded with one out. Gleason's knees were knocking and he was a hangnail away from getting the hook. But two straight Agawam pop-outs to second ended the threat.

Agawam had a little jam of its own in the top of the fifth. With runners on first and second and two outs, Northampton second baseman Jeremy McSheffrey lofted a short fly to right that had at least one run written on its horsehide. But rightfielder Shawn Santos, running at full bore, made a nice sliding catch for the third out.

Another Big Chance For Agawam

In the bottom of the fifth, Agawam had another big chance. With two outs, Zordani drew a walk and stole second. Santos also walked. A double steal saw runners at second and third. Danie then belted a shot to second. McSheffrey dove hard to his right and hit the dirt as the ball (looking like it was headed into right

field) hit his glove. He threw to first from his knees, getting his mates out of the jam.

Northampton would score two more in the top of the sixth on two Agawam errors and a passed ball. Despite the two miscues, the Agawam defense did turn in a nifty 6-3-2 double play to prevent any more damage.

But the hosts had their work cut out for them in the bottom of the inning. Powers, leading off, reached on an error. Rheault singled to right-center, putting runners on first and second. Then Pokora popped a foul ball near the fence on the first base side. Cooper caught it and seemed to have a slight mental lapse. The Agawam runners saw this and were on the move. Powers was at third when Cooper's throw went wild, enabling him to come home and making it 6-4, Northampton.

Rheault raced to third. A walk to Matt Oleksak, who promptly stole second, had runners in scoring position with one down. However, Gleason pinned his ears back and dusted the next two hitters, and Northampton had the win.

AGAWAM STATS: Danie - 0-3, 1 RBI, 1 RS; Powers - 0-4, 1 RBI, 1 RS; Rheault - 1-2, 1 RBI; Pokora - 1-4, 2 B; Donah - 0-1, 1 SB; Leydon - 0-1; Ennis - 0-3, 1 RS; Zordani - 0-2, 1 SB; Valenti - 1-1, 1 RS; Oleksak - 0-1; Bussiere - 0-3; Santos - 0-1, 1 SB.

PITCHING: Pokora (L) - 2-1/3 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 6 BB, 2 SO, 5.15 ERA; Powers - 3-2/3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 3 SO, 1.63 ERA.

NORTHAMPTON - 6 R, 4 H, 4 E, 7 LOB; **AGAWAM** - 4 R, 3 H, 4 E, 12 LOB.

Agawam is still alive in the tournament. On Monday, July 10th, they'll host Gateway, which lost on Wednesday, 11-2 to Westfield. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

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Christina O’Brien Qualifies For 2000 Summer Games Swim Team

Tryouts were held on June 16 and 17 at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, where athletes from all over Western Mass. competed for a spot on the team. In order to qualify for the team each swimmer had to be one of the top four finishers in each event. Christina qualified 3rd in the 100 yard Freestyle, 3rd in the 200 yard Backstroke, and she came in 2nd in the 100 yard Backstroke with a personal best time. Along with these events she will be swimming on Relay Teams that will go up against the best swimmers in Massachusetts.

The finals will be held in Cambridge, MA from July 14th through July 16th at Harvard University. The weekend will begin with an Olympic Style parade for all athletes and the traditional torch lighting ceremony. This event will include appearances by Olympians and be taped for NESN. Good Luck Christina!

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On Saturday, July 15th, Fitness First will hold its eighth Annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the New Beginnings woman's shelter in Westfield. The tournament is in memory of Fitness First's former Aquatic Director, Vicki Sleeper, who died as a victim of domestic violence in 1992.

The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of play, one cart per twosome, lunch, steak dinner, golf balls, tees, and a ticket for the giant raffle. The field is limited to 80 golfers, so interested persons should register early.

Fitness First still has some openings for hole and tee sponsors at \$50 each (includes signage). Interested businesses or individuals that would like to sponsor a hole or tee should contact Denise Moffatt at Fitness First.

Dinner-only tickets may be purchased for \$20. Dinner will be served under the tent at Shaker Farms around 7:00 p.m.

Applications are available at Fitness First in Feeding Hills and Nevada Bob's in West Springfield. If you would like to sponsor a tee or green or have an application sent/faxed to you, please call Fitness First at 786-1460 or email www.fitnessfirsthealthclub.com.

Agawam Youth Football Camp Slated For July 24th-25th

The Agawam Youth Football Association is sponsoring a football camp on July 24 through the 25th. The camp will be run by Precision Sports between 5 and 7 p.m. at Phelps School. The cost is only \$54 and participants will receive a free pair of Reebok cleats just for signing up. Anyone interested in attending the camp can contact Phil Scoville at 786-7110. Participants do not have to be signed up for football to attend this camp. Come join in the fun and learn more about football!

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Agawam Hosts Fast Pitch Softball Tourney On High School Grounds

Agawam High School was the site of an Under 16 Fast Pitch Softball Tournament on June 23-June 25. The tournament was hosted by the Agawam Metro Softball Team, a group of local girls ages 13-19. It was an open tournament entered by several A Division Teams. B Division Agawam held their own, winning one game and losing two. Eight teams participated in the event. They were: Agawam Metro, West Springfield, Westfield Bobkatz, Palmer, Berkshire Blaze, Worcester Rebels, Wrentham Hurricanes and the Capital Maniacs from Augusta, Maine.

First Place - Worcester Rebels

Second Place - Palmer

Third Place - Capital Maniacs

Fourth Place - Wrentham Hurricanes.

Local girls who played in this three day tournament for the Agawam Metro were: Danielle Bachini, Aimee Beaudette, Teresa Bonavita, Danielle Borsari, Amanda Brown, Katie Dubay, Nicki Gutowski, Erin Jackson, Emily Lapins, Kristina Midura, Ashley Mutti and Vicky Taylor. Katie Ludwig and Jen Bishop played for the Westfield Bobkatz.

The tournament was a huge success thanks to the efforts of not only the teams that participated, but also to the organization and time given by the volunteers. Special thanks to the following people for a job well done: Tom & Maureen Borsari, Donna, Dan & Ryan Sullivan, Crystal, Dick & Jamie Jackson, Paul & Debbie Bachini, and Wayne & Sandy Dubay.

Valenti Braves Sweep Little League Playoffs

On Thursday, June 29, 2000 the Valenti Braves defeated the McNair Business Machine Mets 13-3 to claim the Major Division Playoff Championship for the Agawam Little League. With this win the Valenti Braves were crowned regular season and playoff champions.

The game was tight through the first three innings until the Braves exploded for 5 runs and never looked back, scoring in each of the remaining innings. The Braves were led on offense by Steve Butt who went 3-3, knocking in four runs. Butt also made a great catch in right field to stall a Mets threat in the third. Anthony (AC) Costa, along with Josh Barcomb, made excellent fielding plays throughout the game. Kris (BIG CAT) Ryan smashed a triple to score two runs in the third. Dan Matroni, Alex Schwein, Jim Valenti and TJ

Kopycinski had key hits in the fifth inning to keep the Braves' drive going. John Leydon was outstanding at first base and smashed a hard single scoring a run in the fourth inning. Manager Rob Danie sent his ACE to the mound to start the game, hard-throwing right hander Zack Bussiere, who recorded five strikeouts in three innings.

Bussiere also smashed a two-out double in the fifth inning to put the game out of reach. Kevin Danie was the closer for the Braves throwing three shutout innings of relief. Danie also scored two runs. Playing well for the Mets were Steve Powers, Ryan McNair and Jason Polock.

At the conclusion of the game both the Mets and Braves received trophies and celebrated together with a pizza party at the field.

AIC Slates Day Camp For Girls' Basketball

American International College will be hosting a day camp for girls' basketball players on July 31st through August 4th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Craig O. Waryasz Golf Tournament Planned For July 28th

The third Annual Craig O. Waryasz Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Friday, July 28th at Shaker Farms Country Club. Cost is \$100 per golfer, and includes lunch (hamburgs, hot dogs, beer, iced tea, lemonade); hole-in-one prizes (including a 2000 automobile from John Christie's Chicopee Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Cadillac; a set of irons from Fran Johnson's Nevada Bob's; a pool or spa from Teddy Bear Pools); bar-b-q chicken dinner following golf (5:30 p.m.); closest to the pin and long-drive contests; and many, many raffle prizes.

The cost of attending the chicken dinner only is \$20. To register for this four-person scramble format tournament, send a check to The Waryasz Memorial Golf Tournament, 130 Valentine St., Agawam, MA 01030. Please indicate the names and phone numbers in your group. Those wishing to attend the chicken dinner only, please mail your check for \$20 per person to the address above.

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by Eric Nelson, PGA
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A Cure For The Slice

Here are some of the major faults that lead to a slice and how to cure them:

FAULT: Your stance is open. This causes you to swing from outside to in, across the ball.

CURE: Stand square to the ball.

FAULT: Your right arm is set higher than your left at address. As you swing down, you'll compensate by tucking in the right elbow. This causes you to come across the ball with the clubface open.

CURE: Keep your right elbow close to your body throughout the swing.

FAULT: You rotate your hands clockwise during the takeaway. This opens the face of the club.

CURE: Do not consciously rotate your hands. Maintain the same wrist angle throughout the swing.

FAULT: When you start your downswing, you lunge forward. To compensate (and bring the club-head back into the ball), you end up swinging from outside to in.

CURE: Initiate the downswing by sliding your hips to the left.

Linda J. Melconian Charity Golf Open Scheduled For Aug. 21st

State Senator Linda J. Melconian's Eighth Annual Charity Golf Tournament will take place Monday, Aug. 21st at the Crestview Country Club in Agawam, benefiting Hampden County services for battered women and their children.

Golfers are invited to sign-up a foursome to hit the links for a good cause. The event features a lunch at 11:00, a noon shotgun start, and a barbecue dinner at the course. Most importantly, all proceeds directly benefit Womanshelter/Companeras in Holyoke and two programs of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts (the Abuse and Rape Crisis Hotline (ARCH) in Springfield and New Beginnings in Westfield).

Each program provides free and confidential emergency shelter, 24-hour telephone hotlines, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, information, and referrals.

Local businesses are invited to donate money or door prizes, or to participate as a tournament sponsor, or a hole/tee/green sponsor. In addition to the invaluable publicity sponsorship generates, every donation has a direct impact on the community, as 100 percent of the money raised goes directly to charity. Local business owners or golfers interested in participating should call Rosemary Sandlin (413) 785-0820 or Paige Thayer at (413) 732-3121, ext. 103, for more information.

Senator Melconian is an active and vocal advocate for domestic violence prevention programs in her district. As the Majority Leader and the highest ranking woman in the Massachusetts State Senate, Melconian is a tireless champion for women, children, and families across Massachusetts.

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The track will be open for walkers and joggers dur-

ing the above hours throughout the summer. Strollers are permitted on the track.

No one will be allowed on the infield or in the bleachers during these times.

For more information, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 821-0514.

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Jigs - The Most Versatile Lure...

If I was given just one lure to use and my survival depended on it, I would use a simple jig. Once you have mastered the subtle art of jig fishing, there is no doubt that it will catch more fish under a variety of conditions than any other lure.

Crankbaits and spinnerbaits (along with plastic worms) can be deadly under the right conditions, but they are all somewhat of a specialty lure. The simple lead head and twister tail grub, on the other hand, will catch almost anything that swims and feeds on live food.

Jigs come in all sizes and styles. They range from the simple lead head and grub combination mentioned above, to elaborately dressed creations tied with hair, feathers, or living rubber. Bass fishermen often add a pork rind trailer to the jig to add action and bulk to the offering. It also gives the bass something meaty to hold on to and extends the time a fisherman has to set the hook.

Successful jig fishing involves more than simply tossing a jig into the water and praying that something grabs hold of it. Fishing a jig involves the greatest amount of concentration and line watching of any technique.

A jig can be best utilized when fishing drop-offs and the outer edge of deeper weedlines. As the jig is hopped down the slope of a drop-off, the angler must be aware of what is happening at the business end of his line. A lifting of the rod will bring the jig forward and the lowering of the rod will allow it to fall into deeper water.

The point of the retrieve that is most important is that instant when the jig is falling into the deeper water. Most often a fish will hit the jig when it is falling. This can be the most difficult time to detect a subtle strike. When the fish are in an aggressive mood, there will be no doubt as to the fact that a fish has taken the lure.

Fish that are not in an aggressive mood may simply inhale the snack-sized offering in a casual and somewhat indifferent manner. This is when the eye-straining "art" of line watching comes into play. How many times have we all watched one fellow consistently hook up while everyone else goes fishless? The answer is probably "too often".

As a jig or flutter spoon falls toward the bottom, a fish rising to "mouth" the offering may go totally unnoticed because there is no tug on the line. The lure is going down and the fish is coming up to take it. There is not only no "tug" on the line, there is a sudden but subtle slackening of the line.

Remember, when fishing a jig; when the line goes slack, either the lure has hit bottom or something (hopefully a fish) has stopped its downward fall. An experienced jig fisherman can develop an extra awareness of such subtle changes, and will set the hook if he detects a premature slackening of the line.

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The new generation of "super lines" such as Spider Wire or Berkley's new Whiplash, have virtually no stretch and offer extreme "feel" sensitivity to the fisherman. My personal favorite for jig fishing is the new Fire Line from Berkley. You can literally feel the jig or plastic worm crawl over pebbles.

The new lines are a great advantage over "stretch prone" monofilament lines. This is an aid to the jig fisherman, but is no substitute for line watching. When I refer to "line watching", I am referring to the practice of focusing your attention to the point where the line enters the water. As the jig drifts downward into deeper water, the line will slice through the water towards you. Any discernible interruption in the progress of the lure's fall will be visually apparent at the point where the line meets the water.

Movement to the side or a subtle twitch in the line will be noticed before you could feel it through the rod. When in doubt, set the hook. Focusing your vision on the point of contact where the line enters the water, can necessitate a good pair of polarized sun glasses. Bright light and a long day of fishing can give you enough eye strain to bring on a real headache, so remember to wear something to reduce the glare on the water.

Fresh water anglers are not alone in their use of jigs. Salt water anglers have been using jigs of several types for years. Diamond jigs and "Norwegian" style jigs have been the stock and trade of deep water cod fishermen for a long time. Some of these jigs can weigh as much as 24 ounces or more. They are used for vertical jiggling, with effective results.

Have a safe and productive week. Remember, if you are not going to eat that fish or have it mounted by a taxidermist, release it to fulfill nature's destiny and provide angling thrills for the future.

FISH REPORTS

FRESH WATER

Area lakes and ponds are producing bass and pickerel along with other warm water pan fish. Trout action has definitely moved to the deeper water. Trolling with downriggers or lead core continues to be the most productive method. Anglers report that trout are holding just above the thermocline. A good fish finder is a real asset in determining the proper trolling depth.

Valley streams are presenting a challenge to anglers. Wildly fluctuating water levels have confused both the fish and the fishermen. A return to normal water levels should stabilize the fishing conditions.

The Connecticut River as of this writing is receding from the unseasonably high water. Both large and smallmouth bass are hitting well. Buzz baits worked over the weed beds are producing well.

SALT WATER

Night fishing for stripers continues to produce great results with live eels. The cover of darkness seemed to have a greater influence than the tides, as we have caught some jumbo-sized fish at both high and low tide.

Party boats are beginning their porgy trips as well as fluke outings on half-day outings.

Blues are showing at Plum Gut and the Race, but stripers are the predominant fish being taken. Some blues are invading the area around the mouth of the Connecticut River at first light and again in the evening, but for larger fish, the Race is the best bet.

Ag. Little League
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The Agawam Little League crowned its 2000 Major Division Champions on Saturday, June 16th at the Little League complex. It was fitting that the championship came down to the last game of the season pitting the Valenti Restaurant Braves against the Service Matters Dodgers.

The game was billed to be a feature of two outstanding pitchers. The Dodgers pitched their ACE Tyler Toyfair and the Braves countered with hard-throwing right-hander Zack Bussiere. The Braves used timely hitting and aggressive base-running by Dan Matroni to take the lead in the first inning and never looked back.

Braves with key hits throughout the game were John Leyden, Jim Valenti, Kris Ryan, Kevin Danie, Steve Butt, Josh Barcomb, and Zack Bussiere. Alex Schwein and Anthony (AC) Costa at second base turned in some slick fielding. T.J. Kopynski turned in the play of the day with a running catch in left field. Catcher Kevin Danie took away the Dodgers' threat in the fourth inning by throwing a runner out, attempting to steal third base with Steve Butt applying the tag.

The Dodgers would not give up and sent their one, two, three batters up in the sixth inning to face Bussiere. On a day when pitching was on display by both teams, Bussiere answered manager Rob Danie's call by striking out the side to end the game and thus pitching a NO HITTER with 14 strikeouts.

Turning in good play for the Dodgers were Drew Randall, Nick Grassetti, Vinny Waite, and Joel Melendez. The final score was Valenti Braves, 7; Service Dodgers, 0. Coaches and players from both teams would like to thank their sponsors, Joe Valenti (Valenti's Restaurant) and Rusty Randall (Service Matters), their fans, friends, and parents for another great year.

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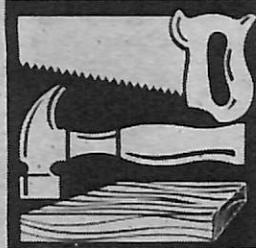
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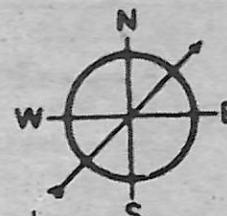
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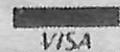
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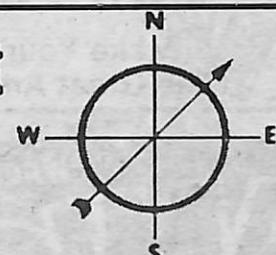
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